

## Annex A

### **Committee for the review: membership and terms of reference**

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#### Terms of reference

The terms of reference of the committee are to conduct a fundamental review of HEFCE research policy and funding. This should cover the principles and mechanisms which currently underpin research funding and take into account the views of major stakeholders. In particular, the following thematic issues should be considered:

- the balance between support of established disciplines and centres of excellence and support of emerging subjects and new centres
- whether to continue to exercise selectivity by discipline or by institution.
- the need to maintain the international competitiveness of the research base, while ensuring that institutions are available to contribute fully to their regional economies and communities

- the need to ensure that research policies and funding continue to promote high quality research, without adversely affecting teaching quality or the ability of institutions to engage with business and the community
- the need to ensure that research policies and funding promote high quality research training, especially when this may be separated from the production of high quality research outputs
- the role of quality assurance and evaluation processes in support of the Councils policies and practices.

Advice is also sought on the funding mechanisms that will most effectively promote the recommendations made.