

Capital funding 2006-08

Strategic questions

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Productive capacity

- How will the programme contribute to maintaining the productive capacity of your present infrastructure in a fit state?
 - This is about the investment for long-term sustainability; how much is required; and how much is met from these capital grants
 - Part of the Regional Consultant's assessment

Efficient use of infrastructure

- How will the programme contribute to using your existing capacity more productively or efficiently, within the same footprint?
 - This is about using the investment to improve space utilisation, address poor fit or to reduce operating costs
 - Part of the Regional Consultant's assessment
 - Part of the Estates Adviser's assessment

Strategic aims and objectives

- How will the programme contribute to delivering your strategic aims and objectives and, in particular, your research strategy?
 - This is about the alignment of investment decisions with strategic objectives
 - Part of the Regional Consultant's assessment

Other resource strategies

- How does the programme link to your infrastructure, financial and IT strategies and how do these integrate with your academic strategies?
 - This is about the integration of academic and other resource planning and decision making
 - Part of the Regional Consultant's assessment

10 year science and innovation investment framework

- How does the programme help deliver the Government's *10 year science and innovation investment framework*?
 - This is about the alignment of your priorities with those of the funder
 - Part of the Research Council's assessment

Partnerships

- How will the programme enable productive partnerships, at local and regional level, with industry or other partners more widely to be developed or to flourish?
 - This is an element of the 10 year science and innovation investment framework
 - Part of the Regional Consultant's assessments

Application of good practice

- How have you applied the good practice guidance and other information listed at Annex C to HEFCE 2005/08 so that you can demonstrate the decision making processes that have been used, that value for money is being sought and that any net increase in space is justified?

Application of good practice

- This is about the processes used within HEIs to reach decisions
- It is also information that will assist in selecting projects for audit
- Part of the Estates Adviser assessment
- Part of equipment procurement reviews

Affordable and financially sustainable

- How have you ensured that the programme is affordable and financially sustainable, in terms both of the initial capital costs and the annual operating and maintenance costs over the whole life of the asset and activity?

Affordable and financially sustainable

- This is about whether the investment is financially sustainable in the short and the longer term
- It is also information that will assist in selecting projects for audit
- Part of the Estates Adviser assessment
- Part of Financial Adviser assessment

Approval by head of the institution

Statement from head to confirm:

- Links to academic and other strategies
- Addressing 10 year science and innovation investment framework
- Good practice has been followed and value for money sought

Approval by head of institution

- Statement from head to confirm:
 - Proposals are affordable now and in the longer-term
 - Environmental sustainability issues addressed and increase in net space is justified
- These statement will be tested where projects are selected for audit