

Principal's Strategy Group Meeting 13 February 2012

Amongst the items discussed were:

1. Support for Major Bids

PSG discussed issues around the increasing numbers of major project bids, and the need for capacity to be able to prepare such bids and provide advice.

PSG agreed that the Senior Vice Principal, with the support of RPG should provide a focus for expertise and advice for major bids, and that the Senior Vice Principal's contingency should be increased to allow him to deal with these issues.

2. Relocation Support Service

Sheila Gupta presented a paper outlining initial proposals for a relocation support service. The service would serve to shift the burden of relocating from the individual, provide dual career support and would help the University broaden its talent pool and become a more attractive employer.

PSG agreed that a business case with costings should be taken forward.

3. Strategic Plan Objectives Estates Issues

Following discussion the following points were endorsed by PSG:

To consider the potential business and property issues and opportunities outlined, in particular:

- Corporate appetite to lead a more aggressive approach to space planning in capital projects with objectives to reduce significantly space and/or deliver increased income / m².
- Willingness to consider major estate investment beyond that currently envisaged in the approved capital programme and priority projects if transformational estate and related business plans are identified.
- Relocate the balance of CMVM activities in the Central Area to Little France as soon as possible, optimising the use of the existing facilities and minimising any additional new-build.
- Support the work between CSE and CMVM to review the option appraisal for the School of Biological Sciences and confirm the feasibility of relocating Biomedical teaching of biological sciences students to King's Buildings.
- Encourage the Central Area Strategy Group to explore options and potential benefits for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and Support Groups arising from the earliest possible relocation of CMVM activities
- The delivery of capital disposals, property revenue cost savings and the avoidance of outstanding and/or unnecessary building maintenance costs.
- Create a road map which sets out order of events to create best value for money.
- Encourage the Estate Committee to develop a prioritised capital plan which sets out the investment required over a sensible time period.
- Respond to the questions set out above.