

JISC Partnership: The Leadership Foundation

Issue

1. The JISC Partnership Policy requires Senior Management Team and Board approval for new strategic partnerships. This paper presents a proposal for a new Strategic Partnership with the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education (LFHE) so called following recommendation 42 in the Dearing Report of 1997.

Recommendation

2. Members are invited to:
 - a. **NOTE** the latest version of the Partnership Policy and the summary of current partnerships (Annex A);
 - b. **AGREE** a new Strategic Partnership with the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education (LFHE). The final draft of the MOU for the JISC-LFHE partnership is attached at Annex B.

Financial and Significant Risk Implications

3. There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations in this paper. That said, it is to be expected that the programmes associated with our strategic partnership with LFHE will have resource implications, but these will be considered for approval on a project / programme basis as they arise.
4. Without our strategic partners, delivery of the JISC strategy would be impaired, including the aim to engage with senior management within institutions.

Paper Classification

5. Full disclosure is permissible.

Further Information

6. Further information is available from Richard Chapman, JISC Partnership Manager (r.chapman@jisc.ac.uk).

Background and Discussion

7. The latest version of the JISC Partnership Policy is attached at Annex A for information along with the summary of current partnerships.
8. JISC and LFHE share an aim to raise the profile and presence of ICT at a strategic level within HE institutions in the UK, and to this end, the development of the so called 'Type 42' managers that combine a sufficient technical capability with strategic insight and understanding of the strategic and transformational role that ICT might play in support of institutional objectives. Hitherto, this collaboration has yielded a joint

conference held at Cardiff University; and the web publication of a joint-sponsored consultancy report by Duke & Jordan on 'The Integration of Technology into Institutional Strategies'.

9. It is understood that the LFHE has adopted 'Leading in the agile university: innovation, creativity, technology' as the theme for its next 'Leadership Summit' event in February 2010. The JISC Head of Innovation Group has been invited to sit on the Steering Group for this event.
10. Joint meetings have been held on a regular basis, most recently on 3 April of this year. This meeting discussed feedback from the LFHE board on a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the JISC-LFHE partnership, and this feedback has been reflected in the most recent draft of the MoU presented at Annex B.
11. JISC's Senior Management Team discussed the proposed partnership at a recent meeting and welcomed the draft Memorandum of Understanding. Members are invited to **AGREE** a new Strategic Partnership with the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education (LFHE).

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