

**Capital Programme Town Meeting**  
**Wednesday 10 May 2006**  
**Jurys Inn, Birmingham**

**Digital Repositories presentations**

**Questions & Answers**

Question	Answer
<p>Discovery to Delivery. If these are 6 month projects commencing in September/October 2006 through the April 2006 call for proposals, how will the results of these feed into projects being funded through the September 2006 circular?</p>	<p>Any projects funded through the September call for proposals will not commence until February/March 2007 and so outputs from the initial projects can be fed in at this stage. Any outputs do not necessarily need to come from completed projects as some of the projects may be longer than 6 months.</p>
<p>There is a focus on making repositories work and bringing them to the community but there appears to be no mention of the economic aspects of how digital repositories work?</p>	<p>Cost models are explicitly mentioned under the Tools and Innovations strand. JISC are interested in this aspect of digital repositories and evaluative reports are welcomed, as well as projects that develop tools to help to assess costs and address economics.</p>
<p>What should be the submission process for projects that cut across a number of strands?</p>	<p>The proposal should be submitted under the strand where the strength of the project falls. The proposal should then cross-reference where it is relevant to other strands. This will be borne in mind during the evaluation process. It is expected that the strands will work together.</p>
<p>Is there currently any information on the matching funding that will be available in the future? It would be useful for projects and institutions who are thinking of applying for matching funding to know what the criteria will be so that they can be prepared.</p>	<p>It is envisaged that matching funding will be released in two phases; the September 2006 and April 2007 calls for proposals, as detailed in the Programme Roadmap. This is to take into account the changes and developments as the programme goes forward. There will be themes around the use of digital repositories and there may be calls for consortium proposals. It is possible that a proportion of the funding will be allocated to help with the establishment of repositories.</p> <p>Full Economic Costs will be incorporated</p>

	within matching funding.
Given the firm funding ceilings in place in the call for proposals, what if 15 excellent proposals were received under one strand and only 2 were received in another? How flexible is the funding?	A funding profile for the whole capital programme has been agreed with the Funding Councils and the call for proposals matches this profile. However, issues such as the one raised may arise during the evaluation process at which time they will be dealt with on a case by case basis
In the call for proposals there is no differentiation between research digital repositories and learning object repositories. Does JISC have any preference between the two in terms of the proposals submitted?	No. The landscape of digital repositories is very variable and JISC is open to different approaches. JISC wants to ensure that the projects deal with a range of materials.
In the e-framework there is a digital repositories layer but no strands appear to deal with learning environments and digital repositories.	This could be addressed through a project looking at workflows between systems.
There are overlaps between digital repositories and e-learning. There do not appear to be many points of contact between the two in the call for proposals. E-Learning activities would benefit from digital repository developments – how will join up between these two areas be achieved?	Two strands in future calls set a better context for this activity: match funding in September 2006 and April 2007 (what institutions want to do with repositories including how e-learning repositories fit with other processes), and work on repositories in an institutional context (how e-learning interoperates with other systems). There is also room for projects that bring together different groups and communities in the tools and innovation strand.
Would it be acceptable for an institution to submit two proposals stating how added value would be achieved with two?	Institutions can submit proposals for whatever strands they chose but it should be made clear what would and would not go forward within each proposal if it was funded on its own.
JISC is signed up to Open Access policies and the Berlin Declaration but some proposed developments for tools and innovation in digital repositories may not be Open Access. Business models will also be considered within this strand. How will JISC square its Open Access policies with scenarios that may lead to	JISC recognises that there will be a mix of different materials although the core driver is Open Access. In terms of the development of software that JISC funds this has to be open source. However, JISC does not only support open source and would fund the best business case to run a service. Mixed models are

best practice but are not Open Access?	therefore acceptable.
Would it be possible to submit one bid that covers two strands at different proportions?	No. A bid should be submitted under one strand, whichever is the predominant area, and it should be made clear what other strands it relates to.