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Of interest to those responsible for	Estates and Finance
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Executive summary

Purpose

1. This document announces the awards by the HEFCE under the 2001 initiative to improve poor estates.

Key points

2. We received 79 bids for funds, requesting £208 million for projects estimated to cost £612 million. Following a two-stage assessment process, we agreed to fund 32 projects with total funding of £65 million.

Action required

3. No action is required.

Background

4. HEFCE 00/32 invited institutions to bid for funds to improve poor estates. This was the fourth and final year of the poor estates initiative. The initiative was targeted at major capital refurbishments and projects related to restructuring and more efficient use of space.
5. Institutions were expected to provide funds to match the contribution requested from the Council.
6. An advisory panel drawn from the HEFCE Board and the sector's representative bodies (Universities UK and the Standing Conference of Principals) oversaw the competition. Details of the panel's membership are attached at Annex A.

Assessment

7. The initiative was run in two phases:
 - a. Institutions submitted project definitions in a standard format by 23 October 2000. We received 79 bids for funds, requesting £208 million for projects estimated to cost £612 million. The advisory panel agreed a screening process, which was applied to produce a long-list of projects.
 - b. The panel scored the long-list of bids and made recommendations on funding.

Awards

8. We originally set aside £105 million for the financial years 1998-2001. We have now set aside £298.5 million for the period 1998-2002. Based on the recommendations of the advisory panel, this year we are committing £65 million to 32 projects phased over three years. The awards are listed at Annex B.
9. All institutions have been offered a grant, subject to the following:
 - a. Where actual project costs exceed the bid estimate, the level of grant will not be increased.
 - b. Where actual project costs are below the bid estimate, the level of grant will be reduced pro-rata.
 - c. No institution is being offered more than £4 million.

Conditions of grant

10. Awards are subject to institutions providing further information, and HEFCE estates advisers will contact successful institutions to agree project costs, profiles of expenditure and the method of grant payment.

Audit and evaluation

11. The awards will be audited to check that the work described in the bid has been carried out, and that value for money has been obtained from the funds.

12. We are undertaking an evaluation to assess the impact of the initiative.

Annex A

Membership of the advisory panel

Sir Brian Fender (Chair)	Chief Executive, HEFCE
Mr Stephen Bundred	Chief Executive, Camden Borough Council
Ms Caroline Neville	Principal, Norwich City College of Further and Higher Education
Professor Sir Gareth Roberts	President, Wolfson College, University of Oxford
Ms Dorma Urwin	Principal, University College Worcester
Professor Gary Crossley	Principal and Chief Executive, Central School of Speech and Drama
Professor Sir Kenneth Calman	Vice-Chancellor, University of Durham
Professor John Bull	Vice-Chancellor, University of Plymouth

HEFCE Secretariat

Mr Steve Egan	Director of Finance and Corporate Resources
Mr John Rushforth	Head of Research Policy
Mr Andrew Smith	Head of Estates

Annex B

Improving poor estates: awards for 2001

Institution	Project	Cost of project (£)	Funding requested (£)	Funding approved (£)
Anglia Polytechnic University	Consolidated and improved accommodation for teaching purposes and the student centre	5,022,103	2,511,051	1,255,526
Birkbeck College	Malet Street campus consolidation	15,502,000	3,702,000	2,776,500
Bishop Grosseteste College	Learning and teaching accommodation	2,241,875	1,120,938	1,120,938
Bolton Institute of HE	Deane campus	8,000,000	4,000,000	3,000,000
Bournemouth University	Estates rationalisation programme	7,750,571	3,875,286	3,875,286
Brunel University	Campus disposal and rationalisation	48,945,993	8,000,000	2,000,000
Central School of Speech & Drama	Phase 4: West Block	8,347,000	4,000,000	2,750,000
Chester College of Higher Education	New multi-purpose teaching & learning support building	4,400,000	2,200,000	1,100,000
City University	Redevelopment of Connaught Building	16,263,000	8,000,000	2,000,000
Coventry University	Rationalisation and improvement of teaching and support facilities	5,831,015	1,250,000	625,000
Dartington College of Arts	Lower Close redevelopment project	3,500,000	1,750,000	1,750,000
De Montfort University	City campus consolidation Leicester	11,244,000	4,000,000	2,000,000
Goldsmiths College	Arts Building	4,804,000	2,402,000	2,402,000
Harper Adams University College	Rationalisation of learning, teaching and business/community outreach	2,950,570	1,475,285	737,643
University of Hertfordshire	de Havilland campus: phase 1	19,400,000	4,000,000	3,000,000
University of Huddersfield	Phase 4 redevelopment of Queensgate campus	5,488,000	2,744,000	1,372,000
Kent Institute of Art & Design	Canterbury remodelling phase 1	4,088,250	2,044,125	1,533,094
University of Luton	Town centre university quarter	10,955,000	4,000,000	2,000,000
Manchester Metropolitan	Redevelopment of the John Dalton campus - phase 1	8,320,000	4,000,000	3,000,000

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University				
Middlesex University	Trent Park estate rationalisation (phase 2)	12,178,000	4,000,000	4,000,000
University College Northampton	Library enlargement at Avenue campus	1,777,782	888,891	444,446
University of Northumbria at Newcastle	Renovation of North Precinct, City campus	5,438,717	2,719,358	1,359,679
Nottingham Trent University	New teaching block, Brackenhurst campus	2,556,000	1,278,000	958,500
College of Ripon and York St John	Barnett Centre for Excellence	17,083,253	4,000,000	2,000,000
Royal Northern College of Music	Renewal of external glazing	836,585	418,293	313,719
St Martin's College	Creation of new higher education campus, Carlisle	7,329,042	4,000,000	4,000,000
University of Surrey	Refurbishment of poor 1960s academic buildings: a key estate strategy objective	18,382,234	4,000,000	1,777,500
The University of Surrey Roehampton	New Richardson building.	12,600,000	6,300,000	3,000,000
Thames Valley University	Reconfiguration of Ealing site	19,200,000	4,000,000	3,000,000
Trinity & All Saints	New library and computer centre	5,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
University of the West of England, Bristol	Rationalisation- from St Matthias to Frenchay	12,188,000	3,500,000	2,625,000
University of Wolverhampton	The Wolverhampton (south) redevelopment project - phase 1	23,250,000	5,700,000	811,500
Totals		330,872,990	108,379,227	65,088,331