

# **The Management of the Next REF**

## **Background**

Overall responsibility for the University's next REF submission rests with the PVC(R), who in practice delegates most day-to-day activities to the REF Manager.

The organisational structure responsible for oversight and management of the development and submission of the next REF includes a REF Policy Committee and a REF Project Board.

## **REF Policy Committee**

The REF Policy Committee's primary role is to set key REF policies, taking into consideration advice from the REF Project Board. It reports to RPC. Its membership comprises:

Pro Vice Chancellor (Research) - Chair  
Pro Vice Chancellor (Enterprise and Regional Affairs)  
Head of the School of Arts and Humanities  
Head of the School of Biological Sciences  
Head of the School of Clinical Medicine  
Head of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Head of the School of Physical Sciences  
Head of the School of Technology  
Pro Vice Chancellor (Institutional Affairs)  
Head of the Research Office  
REF Manager (in attendance)

## **REF Project Board**

The REF Project Board is responsible for operational REF matters. It oversees progress in the preparation and development of the University's submission, and identifies issues requiring action and ensures that such actions are taken. It reports to the REF Policy Committee. Its membership comprises:

Pro Vice Chancellor (Research) - Chair  
Senior PVC  
Academic Secretary  
Head of the Research Office  
REF Manager  
Representatives of the Library, UIS and HR