

EPSRC

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Today's talk

This slides are created after an extensive teleconference with Liam Blackwell who sends his apologies for not attending today.

Our next years of research

- ▶ ICT is fundamental (CS) to applied (ICT)
 - ▶ No not just more and more applied
 - ▶ We must keep the fundamentals
 - ▶ But, we will be making sure that impact is considered in a bigger way
- ▶ Impact is going to be important
- ▶ Research has to deliver examples

EPSRC recognises the need for fundamental research of a high quality.

EPSRC's budget to 2015 is only indicative

- ▶ This will be reviewed in 2013
- ▶ Commitment budget for 1st half this EPSRC year (1st April)
- ▶ No commitment budget set from 1st October
- ▶ Only 60% of EPSRC ICT research is funded but by the ICT programme
- ▶ Also IMRC funding, DE, Healthcare

DIY

Work out the job before choosing the tool.

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- ▶ Changes to operations (Panel structures etc)
 - ▶ Not resolved yet
- ▶ More collaboration:
 - ▶ Platform grants? consortia
 - ▶ More shared facilities
 - ▶ If someone else has something, then we should share it rather than replicate
- ▶ Parallel streams of work
 - ▶ e.g. collaborate across CDTs, Centres, Programme Grants etc
 - ▶ Collaboration should not be predatory
- ▶ Has to be win-win
- ▶ Do we have too many CS departments?
 - ▶ CS vs ICT again
 - ▶ Do our taught courses make people users or developers
- ▶ Fewer Universities—Mandelson's paper said down to 70?

Future

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- ▶ Who sets strategy?
 - ▶ Industry, governmentt, society, academics etc
 - ▶ EPSRC is responsible for delivering UK Strategy
 - ▶ Not simply what scientists want

Not Just Us

What happens to responsive mode?

- ▶ Is it here?
 - ▶ *yes* and *no*
- ▶ Can I apply to do what I want in EPS?
 - ▶ *No*
- ▶ Can I apply to do investigator led research in EPS taking into account the aspirations of EPSRC?
 - ▶ *Yes*
- ▶ Applications must be written to support the EPSRC strategy to increase the likelihood of funding.

So ...

Who decides on whether something meets the strategy?

- ▶ Depends on the circumstances
 - ▶ Office, peer review ?

Funding

It appears that for any area within ICT (e.g. Photonics) the proportion funded by value is the same as the proportion applied for by value.

Not policy but seems to be how it works.

- ▶ Demand Management
 - ▶ Has it worked?
 - ▶ Yes — reduced applications by 30% (April 2010)
 - ▶ 142 constrained across over 6,000 applicants
 - ▶ Policy to reduce is different to a policy to maintain
 - ▶ Some schemes *might* be removed from the Demand Management
 - ▶ Those with outline stages, programme grants, challenge engineering grants, those with institutional quotas
 - ▶ Change thresholds
- ▶ Success Rates (April-Sept 2010)
 - ▶ 39% for all schemes
 - ▶ 25% for standard proposals

Questions...?