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STFC Strategy Consultation Meeting

9 March 2009

**Herschel Room, the Institute of Physics
76 Portland Place, London W1B 1NT**

Programme

10.00 Registration and coffee

**10.30 Background to the Strategy development –
Keith Mason, STFC**

**11.00 Discussion of the Strategy –
Jonathon Rees, Proof Communication Ltd**

- General feedback on the document as it stands
- Consideration of specific questions
- Discussion on stakeholder engagement arrangements

**12.45 Conclusions –
Keith Mason, STFC and Jonathon Rees, Proof Communication Ltd**

13.00 Close and lunch

STFC Strategy Consultation Questions

1. In what way could we improve the definition of our top-level objectives?
2. What do you see as the most appropriate way to determine the optimum balance of our research portfolio between curiosity-driven and application-led?
3. What is your view of the appropriateness of our priorities for:
 - Health and Wellbeing?
 - Safety and Security?
 - Economic Wellbeing?
 - The Knowledge Economy?
 - The Changing Environment?
 - Energy and Sustainability?
 - The Fundamental Secrets of Nature?
 - Is there life elsewhere in the Universe?
 - The Evolution of the Universe?
4. Recognising that our light sources, neutron sources and lasers are general purpose facilities that contribute across the research base, what other thematic areas should we consider when planning the future development and evolution of these facilities?
5. STFC builds & operates its own facilities (e.g. ISIS, CLF) and does so through joint ventures with other partners (e.g. Diamond Light Source), and through international subscriptions (e.g. ILL, CERN, ESO). What alternative models could we consider in the future for facility provision, and what benefits would these models deliver?
6. Which of the areas of current and planned STFC activities would you prioritise for investment, and why? If faced with a funding choice, which areas of current and planned activity would you reduce in priority?
7. How can STFC best engage with its stakeholders and partners to maximise the science return of our programme and its impact?
8. How would you envisage interacting with our science and innovation campuses and what benefits would you foresee?
9. Have you identified any areas of impact which are missing from the Economic Impact strategy? If so, could you please provide details?
10. Are there any apparent existing or emerging skills gaps which we should consider?