



Campaign for Science and Engineering –December 2007 monthly update

- CaSE has condemned the cuts to STFC funding for physics and astronomy research and the raid on the MRC Commercial Fund.
- CaSE has commented on two major reports on science education in the UK and called upon Government to address deficits in this area immediately.
- CaSE has cancelled its Cutting Edge Collaborations Conference scheduled for 2 February 2008 as there were not enough delegates to make it a viable event.

December Diary

31/12/07 **Concerns over Research Council Budgets**

Writing in Innovation Policy Review CaSE welcomed the overall increase in the Research Council budgets, but raised a number of concerns. First, was the £80 million cut to research grants in the STFC, which will have serious negative consequences on physics and astronomy. Second, was the £92 million taken from the MRC Commercial Fund by the Treasury. Third, was the increased emphasis on the economic impact of Research Council funding. Nick Dusic said that "CaSE will remain vigilant so that important budgetary and policy decisions do not put science and innovation at risk."