

**Science and Technology Facilities Council [STFC] second response to the House of Commons Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee report 30 April**

**Statement by STFC Council**

The STFC was set up with an ambitious agenda to strengthen the capacity of the UK research base to do world-class science and to deliver a step change in economic impact particularly through the Science and Technology Facilities Council [STFC] initial response to the House of Commons Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee report dated 30 April 2008.

Council believes that the executive and its new peer-review structure did a good job in developing a forward-looking and affordable programme within its allocations.

Prior to the publication of the report Council and the executive recognised and accepted the need to strengthen the management team, to consult more widely on its future programme and to improve its communication with staff and its research community.

Actions have been taken in each of these areas and plans are being put in place for further improvement. Council will review progress on implementing these plans in three to six months. Council is determined that STFC continues to move forward in addressing these challenges. It fully supports the Chief Executive and his management team in doing so.

The STFC will provide in due course detailed input on the specific issues and recommendations as part of the Governments response.

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