



*Lambert Review of Business-
University Collaboration*

Final Report Recommendations



General principles

- Weakness of the demand side is a real issue
- Universities have engaged with knowledge transfer
- Best form of knowledge transfer is transfer of people
- Diversity is good – both of mission and of funding
- Proximity matters for collaboration with business
- Not about generating funding for universities
- Universities are complex institutions - governance matters



Summary of main recommendations (1)

- A greater role for the Regional Development Agencies in facilitating knowledge transfer in their regions.
- Encouraging new forms of formal and informal networks between business people and academics, including the establishment of a business-led R&D employers' forum.
- increased and improved "third stream" funding for knowledge transfer
- A new funding stream for business-relevant research



Summary of main recommendations (2)

- Development of model contracts and a protocol for intellectual property (IP) to speed-up IP negotiations.
- Regional “shared services” in technology transfer
- Risk-based regulation – universities to demonstrate good management, governance and performance in return for a lighter regulatory touch
- Universities to provide more information on student employability, and businesses to take a greater role in influencing university courses and curricular.



Funding recommendation – business-relevant research funding

- Govt should create a significant new stream of business-relevant research funding of around £100-200 million.
- Review proposes to allocate funding to the RDAs through their “single pot”
 - RDAs to match fund contribution by business to collaborative research on a sliding scale
 - RDAs to prioritise applications



Next steps

- Government response – Budget/Spending Review

Issues for discussion

- Do you agree with the broad thrust of the report?
- Which recommendations do you agree with?
- Which are controversial and why?
- IP Protocol – is it necessary/ can it work?
- Business-relevant research funding – is it needed?
Are the RDAs the right vehicle to deliver it?



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