

Programmatic Review Phase 1 – School of Building & Civil Engineering

School Response to Report of the Review Panel

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The School of Building & Civil Engineering welcomes this very positive, comprehensive and thorough report from the Review Panel.

The findings of the Panel included commendations on the leadership of the School, its staff, its student learners, its engagement and liaison with primary and secondary schools and its strong links with industry.

The Panel has put forward two requirements, on facilities and work placement;

The School is very conscious of the need to improve its facilities and will strive to lever additional funding through competitive research funding and through industry links. The School will also require the direct support of the Institute and the emerging MTU to meet this requirement, including through prioritisation of physical facility development and expansion for the School of Building & Civil Engineering.

The provision of mandatory work placement is supported by the Panel. The School will develop an integrated and a consistent approach to work placement which is being further progressed in Phase 2 of the Programmatic Review Process.

The Panel has also made a wide range of recommendations including on multidisciplinary provision, staff development, research and innovation, internationalisation, retention and delivery and assessment.

This Panel Report has also commented in general and in detail in the context of assisting the School ‘in building on existing solid foundations for a successful development of the School over the next five years’. The School is very appreciative of this very valuable advice and guidance and will consider the full report and will act and respond appropriately to drive School development over coming years.