

# Impact of the Wilson Review 'Back to the Future'

Just as castles provided the source of strength for medieval towns, and factories provided prosperity in the industrial age, universities are the source of strength in the knowledge based economy of the twenty-first century.

Lord Dearing 2002



# Context

- Complex and Integrated
- Various Sectors
- Various Sizes of Business
- Differing Needs
- Integral Part of Supply Chain

# Landscape of Engagement

- Applied Research
- Innovation Support
- Up-skilling of Employees
- Collaborative Degree Programmes
- Science Park Developments
- Enterprise Education
- Higher Level Apprenticeships
- Skills Development of Post Docs

Coventry  
University

University of  
Huddersfield

University of  
**Portsmouth**

**UNIVERSITY OF**  
Southampton

**UNIVERSITY OF**  
LINCOLN

**Cardiff**  
**University**

University  
of Reading

University of  
Plymouth

Imperial  
College  
London

University of  
Birmingham

Teesside  
University

# University Performance

£Million

	2003-04	2006-07	2010-11
Collaborative Research	645	736	872
Contract Research	688	862	1,053
Consultancy	251	317	370
Facilities and Services	95	102	129
CPD	352	534	606
Intellectual Property	46	64	69

HEBCIS



# Comparative R&D Investment % GDP 2010

- Canada 1.80
- Netherlands 1.83
- France 2.26
- Germany 2.82
- USA 2.90 (2009)
- Sweden 3.43
- Finland 3.87
- UK 1.77

‘If developed countries are to remain competitive in the global economy, they will have to rely more on knowledge, technology and intangible assets’  
(OECD 2011)



# What Next?

- Government View
  - Plan For Growth 2011
  - Heseltine Review 2012 – ‘No Stone Unturned’
    - 81 Of 89 Recommendations Accepted
  - Role of LEPS

# Funding?

- Support from:
  - HEFCE
  - TSB
  - Catapults
  - Research Councils
  - Business



# Opportunities Post Wilson

- Universities
  - Make deliberate effort to connect to industry
  - Look critically at how we do this
    - As a Sector and Individually
  - Look at our internal processes
  - Partnership funding
  - Make deliberate effort to connect to industry

# Conclusion

- Changing World
- Opportunities are there
- Hugely Beneficial
- Return to Old World

