

FUNDING CONDITIONS FOR GRANT OF £500,000 FROM DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL TO TEESSIDE UNIVERSITY

Provision of University Centre

1. A University Centre, of approximately 4,000 sq m, shall be built in Darlington, which the University shall endeavour to open by September 2011, and shall be used to provide teaching of higher education for at least 10 years.
2. The Centre is to be built in accordance with any planning permission granted for the development.

Broadening Participation in Higher Education

3. By 2017, work by Teesside University shall result in:
 - a) An increase of at least 1,000 in the number of residents of Darlington Borough who are participating in higher education, and
 - b) An increase of at least 290 in the number of residents from low income families in Darlington Borough who are participating in higher education.
4. Before the Centre opens, Teesside University shall produce, in consultation with Darlington Partnership (and its Aspiring Darlington and Prosperous Darlington Theme Groups), a Strategy for using the Centre, and outreach work from it, to raise aspirations and higher education participation in Darlington, particularly in more deprived areas and social groups*². The Strategy shall also set out how engagement will take place with Darlington businesses to help meet their skills needs. The Strategy must also incorporate an Action Plan and a Monitoring and Evaluation Plan.
5. The University shall engage with Darlington Partnership in implementing this Strategy.

Construction Phase

6. The Council wishes to support existing communities and tackle social exclusion, to protect the environment by reducing car-based commuting, and to ensure continued high levels of economic growth by expanding the local labour market. It therefore expects that the development will provide opportunities suitable for people living in local communities, especially those that are disadvantaged or otherwise outside of the labour market, by undertaking targeted recruitment and training during the construction and occupation of the development.
7. Prior to letting the construction contract for the development, the University shall, therefore, provide the Council with a Method Statement, which shall be included in the contract, establishing training and recruitment targets and setting out how they will be achieved, along with the associated monitoring and reporting requirements.

8. Prior to letting the construction contract for the development, the University shall also provide the Council with a Method Statement, which shall be included in the contract, showing how they will maximise opportunities for small and medium sized enterprises through the contract, and what monitoring information they will provide in relation to this.

Grant Drawdown

9. £100,000 can be claimed when 20% of the value of the main construction contract has been paid by the University, and a further £100,000 each time a further 20% of the value of the main construction contract has been paid by the University, up to a total of £400,000 being claimed.
10. The remaining £100,000 can be claimed when the Centre opens for teaching or when the Strategy (set out above) is agreed by Darlington Partnership, whichever is the later.

Clawback

11. The funding agreement will provide for clawback of the grant in the event that the building is used for anything other than higher education purposes within 10 years of completion.
12. The funding agreement will also provide for clawback of the grant if the building is sold within 10 years of completion
13. In the event that the Centre is not open for teaching by [30th September 2012], any grant paid will be clawed back.

Longstop date

14. The grant will not be payable if the Centre opens to the teaching of students later than [30th September 2012], unless an extension of time is granted by the Council due to exceptional circumstances outside the University's control.

*¹ Baseline to be established

*² Target "Social Groups" and "Deprived Areas" to be agreed with the council's Assistant Chief Executive

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