

## Response to Scottish Good Higher Education Governance Code Revision by The General Council of the University of Edinburgh

We have reviewed the draft revised Code. We are very disappointed that our response to the previous consultation has not been taken into account as much as we would wish. In this we suggested that the contents of the Code should very much focus on good principles and sound values with as little detail as practicable. It should not be prescriptive but allow individual institutions to develop their own solutions to meet their own particular requirements.

We feel that the revised Code is far more detailed and more proscribed than we believe to be ideal. In doing so it fails to recognise adequately the existing diversity of HE institutions in Scotland, each with very varying needs. It thus does not allow for the necessary variations in implementation that will be required in practice.

We would urge that the new Code should be reviewed so that as far as possible it focuses on principles and general responsibilities with greater freedom for individual institutions to create their own definitive procedures. We certainly ask that no additional detailed specification or proscription should be considered.

We would also like to have assurance that the Code and the Act are indeed completely harmonised.

Indeed given that there are such significant areas of concern we would suggest that further time is taken to reflect further before finalisation of the Code.