Lecture Theatre Redesign Project

Project Briefing. Held 1st February 2016.

Summary of audience feedback

1. **Staff support and training** – acknowledged that staff training in relation to teaching collaboratively and making best use of the available technology is key to the success of the project. Briefing and training sessions are currently being planned by SDDU to facilitate this. Further information will be communicated shortly.

2. **Availability of specific software on room devices** – it is planned that both the lecturer PC and the devices installed within the student desks will have all of the software currently available on the IT cluster and Central Teaching Space image. If additional software is requested during the consultation period then we will endeavour to provide it if possible.

3. **Whiteboard specification** – it is acknowledged that many teaching staff have a strong preference to retain traditional whiteboards in these lecture theatres. Consultation is ongoing with Faculties and all feedback will be considered before any decision made.

4. **Room timetabling** – the issue of timetabling these lecture theatre as early as possible was raised so teaching staff can plan accordingly to make best use of the space and technology. We are currently working with Timetabling to see whether we can confirm the room allocations earlier in the cycle than is currently the case, in order to give staff more time to prepare.

5. **Ongoing communication** – it was acknowledged that ongoing communication about the project was vitally important to raise staff and student awareness and encourage feedback. A communications plan is currently being developed and will include regular web updates as well as tailored communications to the main users of the lecture theatres. A time-lapse camera installed in the lecture theatres throughout the refurbishment is also being considered!

6. **Teaching Space Strategy** – colleagues supported the notion of a wider teaching space strategy which may enable a longer term transformation of campus teaching spaces. This is high on the agenda for the Facilities Directorate at present – a working group has already been established and key projects are being identified in order to realise our future ambitions.

7. **Wheelchair accessibility** – it was acknowledged that one of the lecture theatres (Roger Stevens LT 8) being redesigned is not wheelchair accessible. Unfortunately it is not possible at this stage to carry out the planned works in an accessible lecture theatre within the Roger Stevens Building due to the unique building structure and protected status. The other two lecture theatres being redesigned during summer 2016 are wheelchair accessible and provision is being improved as part of the refurbishment.