Finch One Year On: a Review of Progress

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Accessibility, sustainability, excellence
Recommendations

- balanced package of moves towards Gold, Green and extensions to licensing
- clear policy direction towards Gold, with better funding arrangements
- minimise restrictions on use and re-use
- develop repository infrastructure
- caution about limitations on embargoes
- future negotiations on subscriptions to take account of growth in APC revenues
- expand and rationalise licensing
  - universities and National Health Service
  - SMEs, voluntary and public sectors, public libraries
So how’s it going?
Implementation

- Govt acceptance of recommendations, RCUK policies, consultations on REF
- real momentum, but mixed progress, and some key issues to be resolved
- two Parliamentary inquiries
- lively debate
  - sometimes driven by entrenched attitudes?
Balance?

- imbalance between
  - work to increase access to UK-authored publications across the world
  - work to increase access to global articles in the UK
Pace of change

- sufficient attention to detail?
- keeping everyone on board?
Green vs Gold

- real progress in deposit of full texts in IRs
- Green with short embargoes (or none) the cheap option?
- Gold the sustainable option?
  - position of hybrid journals
- what part do both Green and Gold play in a mixed economy?
Funding and costs

- publishing costs integral to research costs?
- funds from both sides of the dual support system?
- uncertainties about costs to individual universities
- offsets between subscription costs and APCs?
International developments

- EU, Australia, Science Europe, OSTP, Global Research Council, G8, California...

- impact on UK, and on costs
Embargoes

- the 6/12 and 12/24 month policy
  - sticks, carrots and sustainability
  - balance between speed of access and risk to journals

- principles for setting embargoes
  - half-lives?
  - disciplinary differences?
  - protection for learned societies a separate but important issue
Copyright and Licences

- controversies over CC-BY
  - loss of control?
  - commercial uses?
  - derivatives?
  - text and data mining
Extensions to licensed access

- walk-in access in public libraries initiative
- little progress with health service, voluntary organisations or SMEs
Infrastructure

- repository infrastructure?
- infrastructure for Gold?
- interoperability and information flows
Co-ordination

- all stakeholders working together?
- need for a disinterested co-ordinator?
Thank you

Questions?

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