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11. THEMATIC REVIEW

11.1 Purpose

The purpose of thematic review is to:

- provide the opportunity for the University to facilitate an institution-wide perspective on major themes that may not necessarily be explored through Enhancement Led Internal Subject Review or programme approval/review processes.
- review the operation of existing processes and procedures and/or to assess current practice across all relevant aspects of the QAA Quality Code for the assurance of academic quality and standards in higher education¹.
- to fulfil an enhancement function through the dissemination of information on good practice throughout the University and, where weaknesses are identified, to require and/or recommend appropriate action for improvement.

11.2 Review Schedule

A rolling programme of thematic reviews will be developed by the Department of Academic Quality and Development and approved by LTSC. The format and scope of each thematic review will be designed in relation to the particular theme being reviewed.

11.3 Reporting and Follow-up Activity

The outcomes of the review will take the form of recommendations to the Learning and Teaching Sub-Committee. The Department of Academic Quality and Development will co-ordinate the development of an action plan which will be submitted to the Learning and Teaching Subcommittee together with the report of the review. Where weaknesses are identified, the Review Panel will make recommendations for appropriate action.

11.4 Dissemination of Good Practice

The identification of elements of good practice arising from Thematic Review is maintained as part of the Department of Academic Quality and Development website.

¹ <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/assuring-standards-and-quality/the-quality-code>