



Estates Committee

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1. Estates Committee approval

1.1 Exascale Project and Data Centre Capacity

Estates Committee was presented with this paper, at the request of Estates Committee on 14 December 2022. The paper discussed the hosting and operation of a new national supercomputer (Exascale) service at EPCC's Advanced Computing Facility data centre (ACF) on the Easter Bush Campus, and the resulting impact of this on University digital research equipment hosted in the ACF by the Information Services Group (ISG).

Estates Committee formally approved the paper, specifically the capital investment to create additional capacity in the Mary Somerville Data Centre (MSDC), facilitating the move of current university digital research equipment from the ACF in advance of the installation of the Exascale service.

This work was proposed in advance of the award of Exascale, as it would:

- (a) facilitate faster installation of the Exascale Supercomputer Project, freeing up required space in ACF to host the Exascale system;
- (b) reduce the impact on researchers of the need to migrate University digital infrastructure via enabling a single (rather than multiple) moves;
- (c) provide additional data centre capacity to the University to support further growth in central and school hosted IT services; and
- (d) support the Green Data Centre initiative which relocates equipment from less efficient spaces.