

Introduction by Paul Jagger, Chair of Council -

“Welcome to the University of Bradford’s annual report. For the first time ever this report is available only online.

“This is part of our commitment to sustainability and maintains our strong position as an Ecoversity.

“The university received a string of high profile awards and accolades over the years and this year was no exception, as it became a world leader in sustainability, receiving an international sustainable campus award.

“We were also named as the seventh greenest university in the UK and won the times Higher award for outstanding contribution to sustainable development.

“This academic year has shown once again that we don’t just preach sustainability, we practise it too.”

Message from Professor Mark Cleary, Vice-Chancellor -

“The university has invested £68million over the last academic year. This has created a whole range of really inspirational learning, teaching and social spaces and it’s been a really exciting time for staff and students to see the campus take shape. In July 2010 the Sir Titus Salt building was opened on the School of Management campus on Emm Lane. Work also began to bring the School of Health Studies onto main campus. The combination of a new building, with state of the art clinical facilities will provide a first class environment for staff and students. Behind me you can see The Green. In September it will become home to over 1,000 of our students. It’s been built to the very highest of environmental standards, and is the only student residence in the country that achieved the very highest environmental rating.

“Research and Knowledge Transfer activity remains absolutely core to what the University does. Last year, the University had a successful year – more than £9million came into the University in research grants, and in addition more than £5million came in a whole range of activities around Knowledge Transfer and commercialisation. The University has invested over £6million in a number of new research and knowledge transfer centres.

“These centres we believe will combine the very best research in the University with a very strong business and industry focus. We believe that by developing these centres we can both enhance the research of our key international performing research areas as well as strengthening the links with business and industry and we’re working closely with them to ensure that they’re able to deliver the key research and knowledge transfer activities that the University will need over the next five years.

“I’m delighted to say we continue to invest heavily in the student experience, we believe that is of fundamental importance over the next few years. That means

investment in buildings, investment in first class staff, and investment in strong student support. It's clearly bearing fruit, our applications continue to grow significantly, and we're confident that we're providing a better experience for our students. I'm pleased to say as well international recruitment remains very strong, we as a University have one of the highest percentages of international students in the UK and we're delighted at the diversity that gives to the campus. What is it our students are looking for? Well, high employability, we want to give students the skills that they need to succeed in the job market, a focus on sustainable development, and a whole range of ways in ensuring that when our students leave the University they're really well equipped to take on the challenges that they face. Those are very important for us now, they're going to be more and more important in the new environment that we face over the next three or four years.

"As many of you will know, the Higher Education landscape is changing dramatically over the next few years. We're very confident that the University of Bradford will build on the range of initiatives in learning and teaching, and in Research and Knowledge Transfer, to ensure that we can face that future with very real confidence. I'd particularly like to thank all of those partners who have worked so closely with the University over the last year and have given us so much support, and also to thank all of our staff and students, who make the University such a great place to work. If you want more information about the work of the last academic year, please have a look at the annual report on this website. Thank you very much indeed."