



Priorities;

- **FSA Risk Analysis Process**
- **CSA Network**
- **UKRI Strategic Priorities Fund**

Update;

- **FSA Capacity and Capability**

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**SCIENCE COUNCIL'S ROLE IN
MAXIMISING USE AND IMPACT
OF THE FSA STRATEGIC
EVIDENCE FUND (SEF)**
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WG1 Recommendations

[FSA 18/12/09](#)
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Action in response to several WG1 recommendations directly reference SEF, or could be supported by SEF;

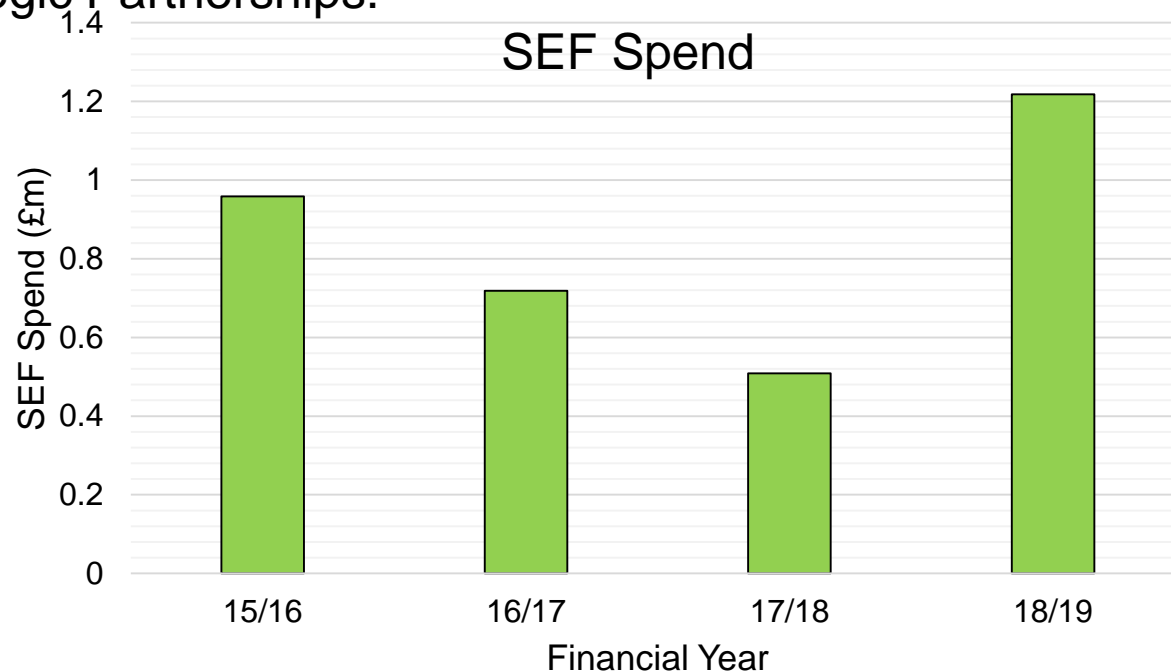
- *Issue 1: How the FSA identifies new ideas, new research groups, and new external and internal expertise* -R1.1, R1.6
- *Issue 2 How the FSA can access the science it needs to inform its advice and policies* -R2.4, R2.5, R2.6, **R2.7****, R2.9

Ongoing activity to be reported to Science Council as part of WG1 [and WG2] response.

Strategic Evidence Fund

Dedicated funding envelope, currently £1.5M/year, directed by the CSA and focussed on strategic science:

1. New technologies / New ways of using existing technology
2. Horizon Scanning
3. Strategic Partnerships.



	18/19	19/20	20/21
Approved SEF Spend	£1.218m	£0.653m	£0.243m
Remaining SEF funds to be awarded	£0.282m	£0.847m	£1.257m

Greater Role for Science Council in Support of SEF;

“R2.7. Define the ongoing role of the Council to help develop FSA capability in this area and the Council’s role in identifying new research areas appropriate to the FSA that could be supported through the Strategic Evidence Fund.”

- Help FSA to identify ideas/topics/projects, reflecting strategic priorities, vulnerabilities, and areas of Science Council activity.
- Help FSA to identify/engage with people/networks who can develop/deliver SEF projects; making use of networks to source new ideas.
- A more formal role as part of FSA assurance that appropriately funding delivery of strategic impact? [-R2.6](#)