

## Birmingham Appoints Director of Academic Services

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The University of Birmingham is delighted to confirm that Brendan Casey, who is currently Director of Information Services and Libraries at City University (London), has been appointed to the post of Director of Academic Services, and will start in post on 5 May 2008.

Brendan's career spans roles at City University (London), Cardiff University, the London School of Economics and the law firm, Theodore Goddard. Managing a team of 150 staff Brendan's current remit includes overall responsibility for a range of information services and libraries functions, learning development activity, learning spaces and a range of initiatives focusing on staff and student experiences, teaching and business efficiency.

Academic Services at Birmingham was created following the merger of the Academic Office and some elements of Information Services. The purpose of the new structure is to provide integrated, academically-focused support services for staff and students and to provide greater clarity and accountability in the leadership and management of all aspects of learning and research support.

Speaking of his appointment, Brendan said: "Birmingham is a world-class University and I am delighted to be joining at a very exciting time in its history. I look forward to working with colleagues and building on the many existing and emerging strengths of the organisation."

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Notes to Editors:

Economic impact of the University of Birmingham in 2005/6:

Economic impact was £662m and £779m to the city and region respectively

Annual income of over £388.6 million

£64m of disposable income received by staff resident in Birmingham

Over the last 10 years Birmingham graduates have added an additional £146 million to the City economy

Eighth largest employer in the Birmingham/Solihull sub-region, representing 1.2% of total West Midlands employment

Potential £525 million additional input via research activities over the next 10 years, including over 2000 jobs by 2015

£10m estimated visitor expenditure attributable to the University in 05-06

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