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New Council Policy

- ◆ Engage Industry much earlier in Projects
- ◆ Allow Industry access to direct funding
- ◆ Based on Industry's ability to enhance science delivery

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Project Development

- ◆ Academic challenge defines technology needs which lead to:
 - ◆ Blue skies studies
 - ◆ Technology R&D
 - ◆ Approved project

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Funding for Industry

- ◆ Science Committee amalgamating Innovative Technology Fund, PP Seedcorn and Astronomy Technology funding
- ◆ Industry will be able to apply for this, and as part of R&D consortia

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Mechanisms

- ◆ Industry already receives money through the grants awarded to universities
- ◆ PPARC needs to have data on this
- ◆ This can continue, with greater recognition
- ◆ OST is being consulted on direct funding through contracts and grants

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Technology and TIAP

- ◆ Science Committee discussing proposals at its next meeting
- ◆ All projects will require a technology plan
 - to assist with industrial interaction
 - to enable TIAP to develop an overview
- ◆ New TAP will support Sci Com in assessing overall portfolio

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Benefits

- ◆ Access to a wider technology base
- ◆ Industry primed for the construction phase
- ◆ UK economic benefits from the PPARC programme more explicit

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Knowledge Transfer

- ◆ DTI Innovation Review requires all Research Councils to increase KT
- ◆ PPARC has active programme through KITE Club
- ◆ PPARC Council has initiated analysis of the benefits of expanding the programme

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Summary

- ◆ New Council perspective
- ◆ Industrial engagement and Technology planning are not optional extras
- ◆ New approach will see these elements embedded in the development and delivery of new project proposals