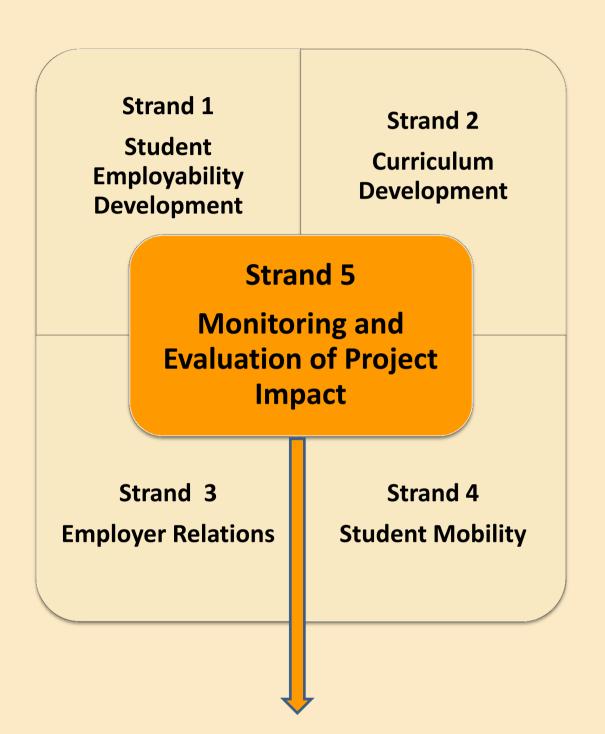
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Project Structure

- 5 strands of distinct but interrelated activity
- Monitoring and Evaluation as a separate and resourced strand enabled greater focus on evaluation



Monitoring against performance indicators:

- Indicator 1: Percentage of graduates in employment or further studies
- Indicator 2: Percentage of graduates in managerial employment
- Indicator 3: Percentage of graduates in graduate jobs within SMEs
- Indicator 4: Percentage of students in mobility programmes

Tracking data

- Student participation data in employability related activity (Confident Futures, Careers, Employer Relations)
- Student feedback gathered via post activity feedback sheets
- Partnership between evaluation and project stakeholders to build inclusivity, share understanding, establish baselines and generate datasets



Devising surveys

- Specific surveys designed to capture more in-depth data on the value and impact of particular interventions and programmes
- Triangulation of information gathered from surveys with results from Student Panels / 'Students calling students' exercises, and with externally commissioned research on employer engagement and curriculum development

Bespoke evaluation approach



Mature evaluation approach
Employer Mentoring
Programme

- Significant evidence base gained during preproject phase
- Introduction of more refined approach to strengthen employability focus



Emerging evaluation approachStudent Mobility

- From minimal existing evaluation base to specifically designed monitoring and evaluation tools
- Linked strengthened between student mobility and employability



Unifying evaluation approach
Tracking educational and
employment outcomes

- Extension of tracking activity to reflect complexity of project
- Closer partnership with Planning & Business Intelligence and Customer Services to develop robust datasets
- Multivariate regression analyses to determine impact of student participation in project