Developing a sector-wide Research and Evidence Base Portal

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Our Charter

CILIP operates under Royal Charter to unite, develop and promote the interests of all Information Professionals

- Unite, support and develop information professionals
- Advance information science
- Advocate on behalf of the profession
- Ensure the adequate provision of services
- Scrutinise legislation
- Provide professional recognition and Chartership
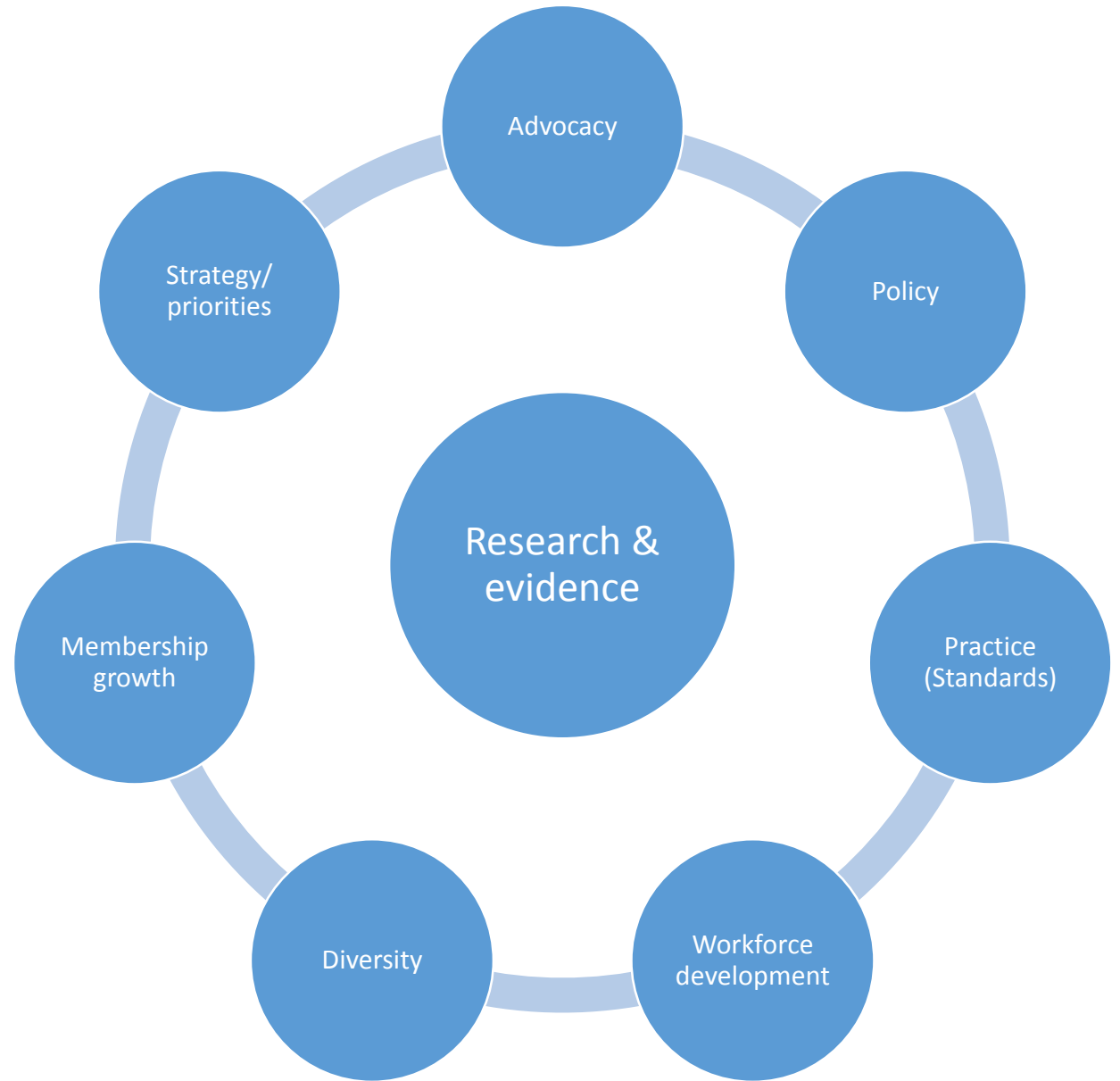
Securing the Future

Our Strategic Plan, *Securing the Future*, has 4 priorities:

- Advocating for the profession

- Developing a 'future-ready' workforce

- Driving standards and innovation

- Helping our members to succeed

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We see quality, up-to-date research and evidence as essential for advocacy, sector development, for workforce development and diversity and for our own development as a professional association

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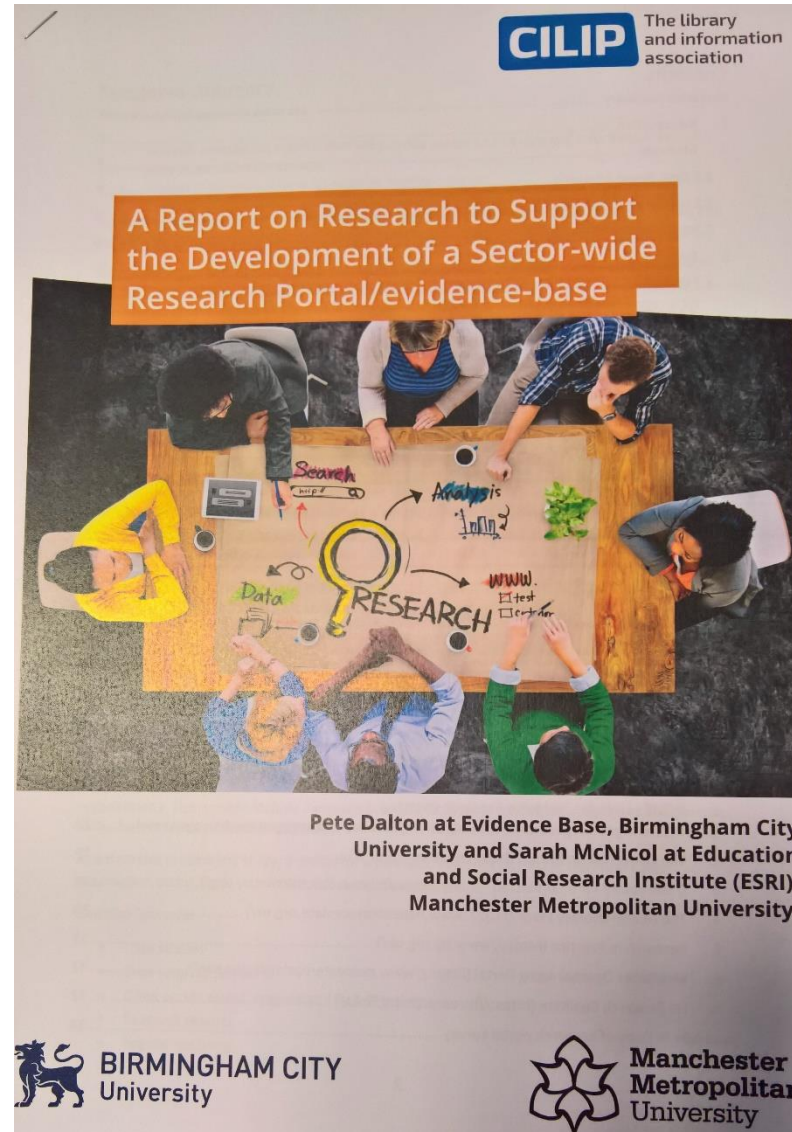
Getting us there…

- Phase 1 (2016-2018): Building a CILIP-focused evidence base, created within existing resources – www.cilip.org.uk/research

- Phase 2 (2018-2020): Creating a sector-wide Research/Evidence base Portal

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Preparation for Phase 2

- Consortium of CILIP Special Interest Groups formed:

  - Academic and Research Libraries Group
  - Cataloguing and Indexing Group
  - Health Libraries Group
  - Information Literacy Group
  - Knowledge and Information Management Group
  - Library and Information Research Group
  - UK eInformation Group

- Specification for a small-scale research project to:

  - Produce a model for a portal that will provide access to a LIS research/evidence-base
  - Provide recommendations for possible funding sources

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A Report on Research to Support the Development of a Sector-wide Research Portal/Evidence-Base

Peter Dalton (BCU)
Sarah McNicol (MMU)

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Pete Dalton at Evidence Base, Birmingham City University and Sarah McNicol at Education and Social Research Institute (ESRI), Manchester Metropolitan University.

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Methods:

- Desk based research to identify other research portals/evidence bases via literature databases, internet, suggestions from respondents etc (48)
- Stakeholder survey (1,150 responses)
- Stakeholder interviews (13) with CILIP representatives, other potential stakeholders and other portals

Findings:

- Evidence and research perceived as important across the sector

- Differences between sectors in the use of research & demand for different types of evidence sources

- Most common ways of using research were to improve existing services, professional development, and to create new services.

- Most common challenges experienced in accessing research included lack of time, lack of awareness of where to find research, and inability to access certain resources.

- Wide range of potential users for a research portal

- Case studies the most requested type of resource for a research/evidence portal.   Data sets, academic articles & research reports also considered important.

Essential features:

- Case studies
- Data sets/statistics
- OA search engines & repositories
- Research reports
- Regular updating

And some recommended & additional features, as well as options for future consideration…
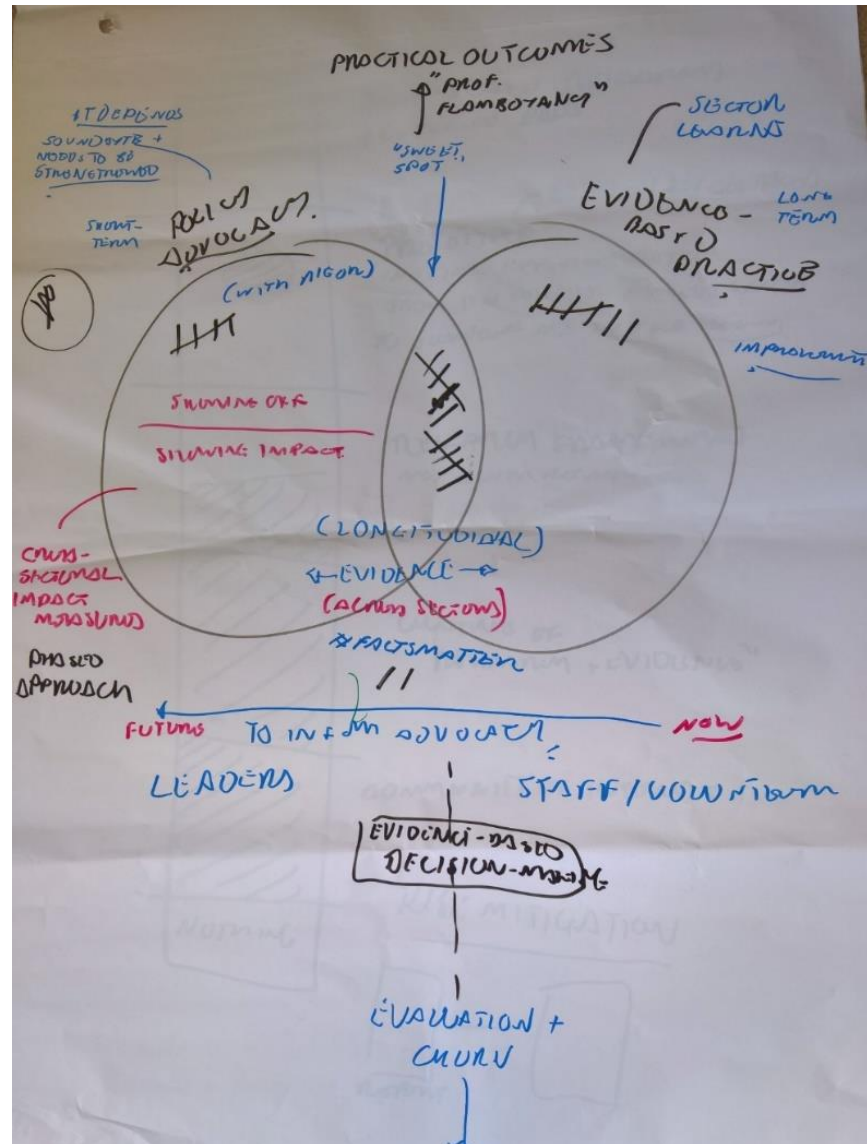
Report available at https://bit.ly/2NkpkP2

Or from www.cilip.org.uk/research

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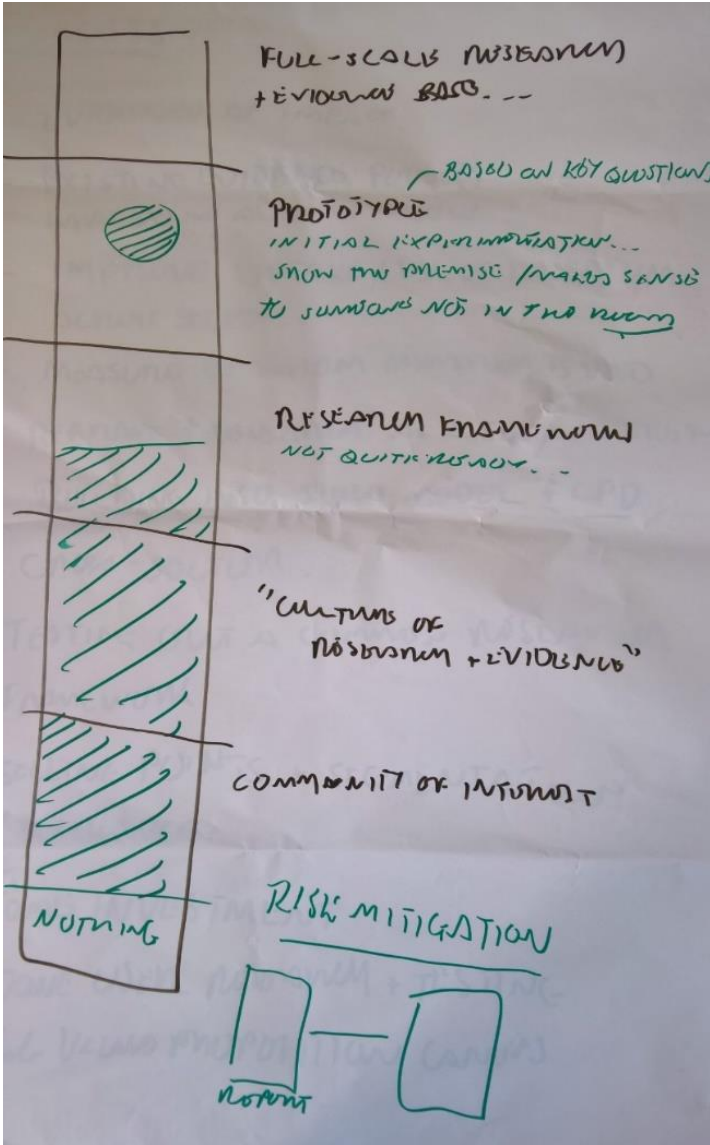
Round Table (June 19th 2018)

Round Table convened with key stakeholders to:

- Discuss the report and its recommendations
- Look at research portals/evidence bases currently in existence/under development in the sector
- Consider how to take the project forward

Policy/Advocacy vs Evidence Based Practice

Clap-o-meter!

Next steps…

- Establish a "Community of Interest"
- Look at the "evidence-base environment"
- Develop a prototype

Thanks!

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