Technical Evaluation of Virtual Learning Environments (VLEs)

(1) **Overall architecture and implementation:** scalability of the system; system modularity and extensibility; possibility of multiple installations on a single platform; reasonable performance optimisations; look and feel is configurable; security; modular authentication; robustness and stability; installation, dependencies and portability;

(2) **Interoperability:** integration is straightforward; LMS standards support;

(3) **Cost of ownership;**

(4) **Strength of the development community:** installed base and longevity; documentation; end-user community; developer community; open development process; commercial support community;

(5) **Licensing;**

(6) **Internationalisation and localisation:** localisable UI; localisation to relevant languages; Unicode text editing and storage; time zones and date localisation; alternative language support;

(7) **Accessibility:** text-only navigation support; scalable fonts and graphics;

(8) **Document transformation.**