1. Note of Last Meeting

The Group agreed the note of the previous meeting.

2. Matters Arising

All matters arising are covered in the agenda.

3. Procurement Reform Bill

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4. Research Asset Procurement Equipment Register

C Henderson provided a summary of activity to date in establishing the University’s Research Asset Procurement Equipment Register.

It was confirmed that the S&E equipment database has been incorporated into the Register.

C Henderson reported that the UoE Register will feed into a searchable, Scotland-wide database being developed by APUK. C Henderson provided assurances that generic addresses and telephone numbers are to be used.

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5. H2020 Update and EU Project Support Services

A Noble advised that H2020 launches on 11 December, with the first calls on the same date, and summarised the various activities taking place to promote EU activity, including focus groups and workshops.

6. Industrial Research Funding

I Sharp provided a summary of activity to date and asked RPG members to help pull together a strategy for increasing industrial engagement and funding, and to help identify appropriate academic ‘champions’.
It was agreed that building these relationships is a long term activity; engagement with the right level within industrial organisations is important, as is investment. Recruiting from within industry has proven to be a successful element. Ensuring that we meet what industry needs is also vital.

**Action**

| Members to undertake further thought and discussion. |

### 7. Charity Research Funding

H Macandrew reported a positive start to 13/14. It was **AGREED** that Deans of Research should encourage a climate of encouraging staff to apply for specific schemes.

It was **AGREED** that RPG should formulate a strategy to encourage and facilitate charity funding applications:

### 8. REF2014: Initial Analysis

The Group considered the initial analysis of the University’s REF2014 submission.

It was **AGREED** that good writers should be identified from the outset, and UoA Coordinator attributes should be identified and recorded now, while fresh in the memory.

**Action**

For the next meeting, members to consider how best to accumulate impact evidence, and how to ease the burden of the submission process for the next exercise.


The Group discussed specific REC Task Group recommendations:

1. **Undertake ‘roadshows’, linked to published case studies of successful interdisciplinary projects**

   The Group **AGREED** that case studies of successful interdisciplinary projects should be published, tied in with research impact.

2. **Consider offering UoE interdisciplinary studentships**

   It was noted that these are already being offered. It was **AGREED** that additional funding would be welcomed, and awareness of existing schemes needs to be raised.

3. **Increase the use of dedicated interdisciplinary academic co-ordinators**

   It was **AGREED** that this could be wrapped up with the H2020 thematic activity.

4. **Consider College and School-level barriers to interdisciplinarity**

   It was **AGREED** that such barriers should be removed wherever possible.

**Action**

H Macandrew to communicate with College Registrars.

### 10. ESRC Impact Accelerator Account: Business Plan

J Shaw reported that work on developing the business plan is ongoing.
11. RMAS Update

The Group noted the RMAS update.

12. PURE Update

The Group noted the PURE update.

| Action | T Slaven to follow up on CAM’s plans to develop a local Experts Database (the functionality of which can be delivered by PURE). |

13. Open Access Progress Report

The Group noted the Open Access report.

14. Comparative Funding Data

The Group noted the comparative funding analysis.

15. 22 Schools Health check and Report

| Action | H Macandrew to try to arrange for one page of metrics per School. |

16. CDT Clawback

R Fisher reported the EPSRC position.