Present: J Seckl (Convener), M Frame, P Jones, H Macandrew, A Mount, L Plowman, T Slaven

By invitation: N Bradley (CAM); J Bradshaw (Chair, Researcher Experience Ctte); K Collins (AP, Industrial Engagement); G Douglas (SASG, Student Experience); G McLaughlin (IS, CIO), D Tate, (IS, Library)

In attendance: S Cooper (Secretary), L Forsyth, P McGuire, J McMahon, R Moodie

1. Note of last meeting and matters arising  
   Paper A (Closed)
   Approved

2. Major Research Grant News
   Drawing on recent examples of success in securing Horizon 2020 funding, the Convener congratulated members on the level and value of grants awarded in the year to date.

3. Research IT infrastructure
   G McLaughlin outlined the ongoing review of e-infrastructure with particular regard to the needs of Research. In the following discussion the main points were:
   - The IT requirements of research projects will assume ever greater importance
   - G McLaughlin stated that a series of workshops were planned
   - It was important that the discussions at School and College level were tailored to the needs of each audience

4. Open Access update  
   Paper B (Open)
   D Tate outlined progress made since the April RPG. After a short discussion about the compliance levels, the following actions were agreed:

   | Action | Deans of Research: to re-iterate the significance of ‘date of acceptance’ of outputs as the point that the “Open Access stop watch” starts to staff in their Colleges |

   | Action | Convener to consider writing to all Grant holders at an appropriate point after the next PURE upgrade to stress that it is vital that we maximise our Open Access compliance |

5. Implementing the Home Office ‘Prevent Duty’  
   Paper C (Open)
   G Douglas outlined the requirements of the ‘Prevent Duty’ that related to research. To decide what action the University needed to take the following was agreed:

   | Action | In conjunction with Gavin Douglas, L Plowman to convene a small group that would identify best practice across the Russell Group and propose a way forward. |

6. Research Experience Committee and RPG - interface and interaction
   J Bradshaw informed members that until recently the focus of REC was on PhD students but had now been extended to include ECRs and their training and development needs.

   | Action | Conveners of RPG and REC to decide how each committee should be represented on the other as a part of an overall review of the remit and membership of RPG. |

7. Research Support Review – update
   The next steps following the external review of ERI and its diverse activities were outlined to members.

8. Preparing the next REF  
   Paper D (Closed)
   P Jones reported on progress.

9. Impact of Edinburgh Research and its promotion
   The Deans reported on impact generation activity in their Colleges that had taken place since April.
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<td>L Plowman to report on what HSS had learnt from using altmetrics at the end of their pilot study</td>
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10 **UKRIO Research Misconduct Procedure**  
Paper E (Open)  
H MacAndrew sought agreement to bring the University’s policy into line with the UKRIO procedure.  

| AGREED | That RPG should provisionally recommend the adoption of the UKRIO Research Misconduct policy, subject to advice from Director of Legal Services with regard to existing 3rd party research agreements. |

11 **Research Grant reviewing**  
Paper F (Open)  
The Convener asked the Deans to encourage a culture of identifying staff who could be nominated for membership of Research Council Grant Review panels (or charitable and EU equivalents).

12 **Citizen Science**  
The Convener described the emerging benefits of engaging in ‘Citizen Science’ but stressed the importance of excellence.

13 **The Hague Declaration**  
The Convener outlined the implications of the Hague Declaration. LERU has collectively signed up to the Declaration and the University was considering it.

| Action | Deans to consider its implications and discuss in their Colleges |

**Any Other Business**  
None

14 **For information and approval**  
14.1 Research Ethics and Integrity Review Group update  
Paper G (Open)  
Noted

14.2 Process for approving contentious Research Consultancies  
Paper H (Closed)  
This proposal was under consideration by the Convener. A notable concern was whether it would be feasible for RPG to take on this role given the infrequency of its meetings.

14.3 RMAS update  
Paper I (Closed)  
Noted