



**Present:** Jonathan Seckl (Convener), George Baxter, Christina Boswell, Charles Ffrench-Constant, Chris Cox (to item 5 inc) Pauline Jones, Andy Mount, Sara Shinton, Tracey Slaven, Lorna Thomson

**In attendance:** Susan Cooper (secretary), Charlotte Brady, Michael Cummings, Paul McGuire, Jacq McMahon, Dominic Tate

**Apologies:** Lynn Forsyth, Gavin McLachlan

**1 Note of Last Meetings (17 December 2018) Paper A**

Approved

**2 Matters Arising Paper B**

Actions undertaken or planned were noted.

**3 Convener’s Update**

The Convener reported on:

- The Australian University model
- Development of Higher Education provision in China
- Brexit developments

He also informed members that he had been invited to give oral evidence on the dual research funding model to the House of Commons Science and Technology committee. Members offered suggestions as to points to raise.

**4 Industry Research Scrutiny Paper C**

With the increasing diversification of research funding sources, it is proposed that the University should scrutinise all potential industrial and philanthropic funders. Members offered a number of comments, including:

- The outcome of scrutinising a potential funder – whether industrial or philanthropic – would be nuanced and would take into account how the funding would be used as well as the nature of a potential funder
- The University had not accepted funding from tobacco companies for many years
- The appropriate governance arrangements for the scrutiny of research funding were discussed

**5 Bilateral Data Sharing Agreement**

RSO and the Data Protection Officer were working together to ensure that staff leading projects that require personal data to be supplied from partners that would remain within the EU should set up bilateral data sharing arrangements to ensure continuity. It was assumed the UK would leave the EU on 29 March.

Action	Deans to determine which projects needing a bilateral data sharing agreement get prioritised help.
Action	Director of RSO to work with Deans to disseminate instructions about how to arrange the bilateral data sharing arrangements for the transfer of personal data from the EEA to UK

**6 Supporting a Big Bids Culture Paper D**

The development status of cross College themes were reported.

**7 Next Generation Metrics Paper E**

The invitation from the COIMBRA<sup>1</sup> Group of Universities to take part in developing its response to the EC policy development of next generation metrics was welcomed. Having reflected on the proposals, it was felt that it would be better for the University to engage directly and at a rate that would be determined by discussions taking place at RPG’s Responsible Metrics Working Group.

<sup>1</sup> The Coimbra group is a body of European multidisciplinary research intensive universities <https://www.coimbra-group.eu/>

**8 Clinical Trials and Brexit****Paper F**

To comply with the requirements of EU funded clinical trials once the UK had left the EU it would be necessary to establish a virtual base in Europe. Options were discussed, including working with one of our 'deep partner' universities.

**9 College Reports****Paper G**

REF preparations were on track in the three Colleges. The outcome of recent EPSRC CDT applications was noted.

**10 Research Grants and Contracts****Paper H**

Members were asked to provide feedback on the changes to the KPI visualisations. The record level of awards in 2018 was due in part to a number of very large grant awards. The Convenor stressed the need for all to redouble their efforts to grow income especially in the run up to REF2021

**For Information or approval****11 Research Support Office****Paper H**

Noted

**12 Library Research Support Report****Paper J**

The MVM College Office and Library Research Support team were asked to review the list of MVM centres in the Open Access report. The Research Fish reporting period had just opened

Action	Deans to encourage PIs to use the Research Fish portal to report on research outcomes from UKRI grants
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**13 Research Ethics and Integrity Report****Paper K**

Noted

**14 Available RSO Strategic Development Briefing****Paper L**

Noted