Executive Governance Office

Summary of the Research and Innovation Committee (RIC) Meetings October 26

Please see below a brief summary of the main topics of discussion at the RIC October meetings:

At our October bi-annual workshop:

- Stakeholders were invited to review the Research and Innovation Thematic Plan Action Plan, and asked to identify opportunities to strengthen and clarify actions and highlight any critical gaps required to deliver the R&I OKRs.

At our strategic meeting this month meeting we:

- Reviewed the updated University Code of Good Practice in Research (UCOGPR) and discussed the most effective approaches to raise awareness and understanding of the Code across our research community.
- Considered a report on recent Policy activity which highlighted the positive impact of reaching 73% new academics across policy and consultancy funds and received details of the forthcoming University wide launch of the Policy Fund 2026 to 2027.
- Agreed the final details of the Research and Innovation Thematic Plan in conjunction with Senior Leadership Group feedback.
- Reflected on the outcomes of the recent IDRC light touch review noting that most IDRCs had made excellent progress against their objectives for 2025 to 2026.
- Evaluated the final reports for RDF Open Call Projects and University Research Fellowships, noting a number of positive outcomes.
- Were informed about the results of KEF6 and performance across KEF2 to KEF6 period, noting the positive improvements reflected in the University Metric Level Performance table between KEF5 and KEF6.
- Were pleased to note that the delivery of the HEIF Accountability Statement had been approved by Research England.
- Discussed the report on the History and Classics Accelerator Project noting that the RDF was being used effectively to strengthen the Unit's REF submission.