

## Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 13 February 2024

Please see below a brief summary of the main topics of discussion at the recent meeting of UCRI:

### **Main topics of interest:**

At this meeting we:

- Heard about the outline plan to review and update the research section of the University website. We approved the priorities and planned activity which includes a proposal to develop new ways of working with research divisions to improve planning and streamline delivery. The programme of work will raise the profile and reputation of our research to support external stakeholder engagement and partnership development.
- Considered a proposal for continuation of key elements of IFNH activity in the context of the Director's retirement. Further information requested in order to reach a decision.
- Reviewed and updated the guidance for the RDF (formerly RETF) Open Call, which is due to launch soon.

### **In other news we:**

- Were advised of a further light and agile REKEC call which will have an emphasis on collaborations and smaller scale projects. The call will be launched imminently (under the new name of the Research Collaboration and Impact Development Fund).
- Received an update on the progress of AREIF procurement items.
- Discussed the Government response to the Independent Review of Research Bureaucracy (Tickell review).