

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 28 February 2023

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:

- Were joined by Bill Kilgallon, Entrepreneur in Residence, who presented us with a progress update of the EiR programme. The next stage of the process will be to set up a reform group. We noted that Bill's role is that of a friend and mentor to those wishing to explore opportunities.
- Considered options for the IDRC 3 year review. After discussion we agreed to a light touch review using a simple template which will focus on metrics and narratives based around progress against general and specific criteria.
- Reviewed the REF reflection output summaries which aim to support UoAs to identify key considerations for the future. Following an in depth discussion we agreed that the next stage of the process will be to arrange theme level writing for REF panel meetings. These will take place during the summer term.
- Heard that the Planning and Change Board has agreed in principle to a reduction in RETF allocation to £800k per annum for the next 2 years. As an RI university, we felt that it was important to maintain continuity and momentum by supporting risk and building a culture of ambition and agreed that the RETF Open Call will go ahead this year.

In other news we:

- Confirmed our support for a consortium who are developing a distributed infrastructure funding bid for mass spectrometry in the UK.