

## Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 17 September 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:

- Provided initial feedback on research opportunities relating to 'Eco Valley,' and agreed that a small group was required to scope our approach in the first instance.
- Reviewed a proposal to establish a Systems and Futures College of Experts and gave our approval to appoint a Director.
- Commented on the NIRD Trust Annual Report 23 / 24 and advised on the planned expenditure for 24 / 25, to be presented to UEB and finally considered by Council as NIRD Trust Trustee.
- Accepted the decision to fold the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (UROP) activity into the Reading Internship Scheme (RIS) and set out our intention to endorse the scheme for research internships, highlight the opportunities that this would offer for engaging with research with our strategic partnerships, and with future employers.

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

- Approved support from NIRD Trust funds for BBSRC bid on Health Inequalities in the Food System.
- Considered the detailed plan for consultation on the new Research Strategy.
- Agreed the agenda for the RDL/IDRC and HOS Autumn meetings.