

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 18 June 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:

- Discussed our partnership with OIT and agreed that it was not offering the breadth of opportunities that we needed. We have therefore decided to exercise the break out clause and will be developing our own more flexible approach to support our policy related work.
- Gave our views on an outline proposal for the IDRC 5 year review which will inform the timeline and scoping work.
- Have begun to develop the new Research Innovation Strategy 2024 to 2030. A programme of consultation will soon be underway.

In other news we:

- Agreed to support a request for funding toward the AHRC Doctoral Focal Award (in response to the call “Arts and humanities for a healthy planet, people and place”).
- Approved in principle for the University to host the global database on pollinators and their traits.
- Considered the “Spinout review: accountability and (voluntary) adoption of best practice” and agreed to adopt in principle the recommendations. This will enable us to bid for a shared Technology Transfer Office.
- Will be reviewing the research governance structure and terms of reference.