

SUMMARY OF THE IOP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 SEPT 2024

After the formal business of apologies, declarations of interest and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting, Council discussed the progress being made with an independent agency to establish a new Target Operating Model, organisational structure and KPI's for the IOP. These would be brought to the December Council meeting for approval following consultation with staff and Senior Officer Trustees.

Each of the Executive Team then gave updates on their key strategic areas of focus, being skills, science, society, members, a sustainable IOP (which included financial updates), and publishing and there was a detailed discussion about the role of the IOP in Higher Education.

Council's EDI representative joined the whole meeting and provided a detailed update on EDI activity, including the work recently carried out by the IOP's Inclusion and Diversity Committee, and there was a discussion about a lunch that had been held with the current and former recipients of the Bell Burnell Scholarship Fund.

There was also a detailed update on the 2023 Review of the Awards, as well as the 2024 IOP Awards, where Council noted that the implementation of the 2023 awards review recommendations resulted in a positive outcome, with a high level of excellent nominations delivering a resultant cohort of exceptional winners for the 2024 IOP Awards.

Council then reviewed and approved a number of matters presented to it, including the Annual Returns; Elections and appointments to Council, including the trustees recently elected by the membership; appointments to the IOPP Board, other IOP subsidiary board memberships and committee memberships; Committee Terms of Reference and the Scheme of Delegation for 2024 – 2025.

Council also noted a number of matters including the Committee Evaluation Survey Results; Gender Pay Report; Annual Governance Schedule; an annual report on the IOP and Group Policies; reports on IOP Programmes reports from various Council Committees and key policy developments.

There were then two items considered under any other business, which included a pathfinder project and survey being commissioned to understand the role of AI in physics; and an update on the IOP's role in the 2025 Year of Quantum.

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