

**Meeting of the Innovate UK Council  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Summary of meeting**

Council members were welcomed to the meeting and potential conflict of interest noted.

**Innovation Hub**

There was a demonstration of the newly developed Innovation Hub, a commitment from the government's Innovation Strategy to help businesses navigate the government funding and support landscape. Council members were supportive of the product and provided a range of feedback to support communication and use of analysis for any further development.

**Innovating Innovate UK**

Presented was the main activities the team have been carrying out to develop "Innovating Innovate UK", and council offered suggestions such as creating a clear risk matrix for this project and bringing out the external engagement work.

**Operational Update**

The Innovate UK Senior Leadership team each gave an update on their respective areas, with people risks emerging as the primary challenge across teams, such as resourcing, retention of talent and the cost-of-living. Many of the senior leadership team also reiterated the importance of a greater focus on messaging and communications.

Horizon Europe remains an area of focus that is requiring resource for several areas of the organisation. The opportunity for making catapult governance more effective was discussed, as well as the developments in risk appetite for financial management.

**Commercialisation of research**

The team spoke to council members about some recent positive activity with different councils, and the development of the commercialisation project overall. The Council discussed the commercialisation model of universities, and the challenges in developing these. Council members emphasized the importance of learning and drawing from international examples of commercialisation excellence, as well as having clear timelines and document plans for the development of the commercialisation vision.

**Forward Look**

It was noted that two new council members and a new Chief Scientific Adviser member will be recruited to the Innovate UK council in March 2023 and explained the evolving sub-committee's structure.

**AgriTech Centre review**

An overview was presented on the approach and key activities and recommendations of the AgriTech review. Council members recognised the collaborative work and asked questions about different models and risk.



### **Horizon Europe**

The post-mitigation risks of Horizon Europe (not limited to Innovate UK) were briefly outlined, with council members recognising concerns around a residual gap for businesses that was not clear.

### **Closed Council session**

A closed session was held for Council members only.

**The formal minutes of this meeting will be approved at the Innovate UK Council meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.**