STRATEGIC ADVISORY TEAM

SUMMARY OF MANUFACTURING THE FUTURE MEETING NOTES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS: 18TH SEPTEMBER 2017
EPSRC, Polaris House, Swindon

Attendees:
Members: Paul Bello, InnovateUK
           Paul Conway, Loughborough University
           Karen Coopman, Loughborough University
           Mark Harding, De la Rue
           Adam Kowalski, Unilever
           Gary Lye, University College London
           Andy Neely, University of Cambridge
           Jon-Paul Sherlock, AstraZeneca
           Alison Starr, National Composites Centre (Chair)
           Robert Walker, Nissan
           Nick Weston, Renishaw

In Attendance: Professor Zhongyun Fan, Brunel University (morning only)

EPSRC: Richard Bailey, Manufacturing the Future theme
Katie Daniel, Manufacturing the Future theme
Gerard Davies, Manufacturing the Future theme
Shyeni Paul, Manufacturing the Future theme
Rebecca Williams, Manufacturing the Future theme
Lisa Woolford, Manufacturing the Future theme

Apologies: Kerry Kirwan, University of Warwick
Simon Masters, Innovate UK
Alison McKay, University of Leeds
Mark Price, Queens Belfast
Mick Steeper, Independent
Mark Summers, Airbus

Welcome and Introductions
The Chair asked for introductions around the table, which were duly given.
Theme and Corporate Update

Corporate
EPSRC gave a presentation; the following points were noted:

2017/18 Funding so far
- Strategic Funding: New Industrial Systems Sandpit: further information would be available once the projects had been announced.

2017/18 Other Activities
- SAT Refresh: A good response had been received to the SAT refresh exercise and six new members are to be appointed.
- Prosperity Partnerships Call: Call two is now live; members should flag with possible interested parties.

ACTION: SAT Members

Theme
Third Future Manufacturing Research Hub Call
EPSRC are hoping to fund three Hubs.

Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund (ISCF)
- Deep Dives: The topic areas currently under discussion were shown. Delivery of the ISCF will be through UKRI.

EPSRC RCUK Innovation Fellowships
A call will be announced shortly (possibly in October).

Draft CDT Timetable
Plans for the CDT call are still being finalised.

SATs Conference Update
The SAT conference report would be sent to everyone once agreed by EPSRC Council.

Innovate UK Update
Provided by Paul Bello, deputising for Simon Masters.

Vehicle to Grid Competition
Further details on the InnovateUK website, along with other competitions available.

Manufacturing and Materials Call
Round three of the Manufacturing and Materials competition had recently closed. The new online submission process had been used. Innovate UK would welcome feedback on this process from any applicants.
Innovate UK are currently working towards the “Innovate 2017” event being held in Birmingham on the 9th and 10th November.

**Liquid Metals Engineering Hub**
Professor Z Fan, as Hub Director, gave a presentation on the Hub.

**Future Plans**
EPSRC introduced this item which built on discussions from the March 2017 SAT meeting.

**Impact**
This was a facilitated session, the outputs of which are recorded separately.

**International**
EPSRC gave a presentation and a discussion followed. EPSRC would do more work on this and bring back to a future meeting.

**New Ideas**
EPSRC gave a presentation, including potential activities, and SAT members gave feedback.

**Networking**
EPSRC gave a presentation. The SAT discussed options on how to build and connect communities.

**Outputs of ECF Review**
EPSRC introduced this item and highlighted that membership of the forum was to be updated. If anyone had comments/suggestions on possible improvements for the ECF these should be forwarded to EPSRC.

**ACTION: SAT Members**

**Exemplars for New Investigator Awards**
EPSRC gave a presentation and a discussion followed. If anyone had further comments, these should be passed to EPSRC.

**ACTION: SAT Members**

**Any Other Business**
Thanks were given to Nick, Mark S, Mick, Alison S, Jon-Paul and Karen who would be standing down at the end of the year and whose last meeting this would be.

**Close**
Date of next meeting 15th March 2018.