STRATEGIC ADVISORY TEAM

SUMMARY OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES THEME SAT MEETING
NOTES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS: 9th March 2021, Virtual via Zoom

Attendees:

Members:
Dr Jeremy Bradley, DataSparQ (JB)
Professor Helen Byrne, University of Oxford (HB)
Professor Peter Challenor, University of Exeter (PC)
Mr Chris Daniels, FlareBright Ltd (CD)
Professor Jonathan Dawes, University of Bath (JD) – Chair
Professor Mark Kambites, University of Manchester (MK)
Professor Sara Lombardo, Loughborough University (SL)
Dr Sean McGinty, University of Glasgow (SM)
Professor Vicky Pope, Independent (VP)
Professor James Robinson, University of Warwick (JR)
Professor Gregory Sankaran, University of Bath (GSk)
Professor Gwyneth Stallard, Open University (GSt)
Professor Arne Strauss, WHU (AS)
Mr Robert Straw, AstraZeneca (RS)

EPSRC:
Dr Nishtha Agarwal, Portfolio Manager, Mathematical Sciences (NA)
Dr Giada Alessandroni, Portfolio Support Manager, Mathematical Sciences (GA)
Dr Katie Blaney, Head of Mathematical Sciences (KB)
Dr Carys Howell, Portfolio Manager, Mathematical Sciences (CH)
Mr Luis López-Bracey, Senior Manager, Mathematical Sciences (LLB)
Dr Victoria Lund, Portfolio Manager, Mathematical Sciences (VAL)
Ms Ruqaiyah Patel, Senior Manager, Mathematical Sciences (RuP)
Dr Rachael Pittaway, Portfolio Manager, Mathematical Sciences (RaP)
Dr Marianne Rolph, Senior Manager, Mathematical Sciences (MR)
Dr Rebecca Williams, Senior Manager, Mathematical Sciences (RW)
Dr Jacob Wood, Portfolio Manager, Mathematical Sciences (JW)

Apologies:
Professor Carmen Molina-París, University of Leeds (CM)
Dr Nick Polydorides, University of Edinburgh (NP)
Welcome and Introductions
Jonathan Dawes opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees. JD welcomed new members to the SAT and set out the vision for the Mathematical Sciences SAT in 2021. Katie Blaney introduced the EPSRC Mathematical Sciences Team to the SAT.

UKRI/EPSRC Update
The EPSRC Mathematical Sciences Team gave an update on activities within UKRI, EPSRC, and the Mathematical Sciences Theme. Items discussed included Additional Funding for Mathematical Sciences, New Horizons Activity, EPSRC SAN Recruitment and EPSRC SAT Chair Selection Process.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion
The EPSRC Mathematical Sciences Team ran a facilitated session to gain feedback on the draft EPSRC Mathematical Sciences Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy. The session began by raising the SATs awareness of the recently published EPSRC Race and Ethnicity Data and Narrative Report before an overview of the Theme EDI strategy was presented for comment from the SAT.

SETB/Big Ideas
Graham Niblo from the University of Southampton and a member of EPSRC’s Sciences, Engineering and Technology Board (SETB) joined the meeting for this item and was invited to speak to the SAT about SETB and the EPSRC Big Ideas Initiative.

Discipline Hopping
The EPSRC Mathematical Sciences Team presented options for funding Discipline Hopping to the SAT for feedback.

Close
Jonathan thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for the 27th April 2021, and will be held virtually.