STRATEGIC ADVISORY TEAM

SUMMARY OF MANUFACTURING THE FUTURE MEETING NOTES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS: 30th June 2021

Zoom

Attendees

Members:  Mark Price, Queen’s Belfast (Chair) – MP
          Fiona Charnley, University of Exeter – FC
          Paul Dalby, University College London – PD
          Robert Eason, University of Southampton – RE
          Martin Jones, AstraZeneca – MJ
          Katy Milne, Manufacturing Technology Centre (secondment Fly Zero) – KM
          Linda Newnes, University of Bath – LN
          Susan Reiblein, Independent – SR
          Ash Tiwari, University of Sheffield – AT
          Robert Walker, Nissan – RW
          Charlotte Williams, University of Oxford – CW

External:  Pam Thomas, Faraday Institution – PT
          Louise Gould, Faraday Institution – LGF

EPSRC:  Becky Cheesbrough, Manufacturing the Future (Convenor) – BC
        Tochukwu Ajare, Manufacturing the Future - TA
        Lydia Gardner, Head of Manufacturing the Future – LG
        Stephen Gilligan, Manufacturing the Future – SG
        Elizabeth Saunders, Manufacturing the Future – ES
        Stephanie Williams, Manufacturing the Future – SCW
        Katie Walker, Manufacturing the Future (morning only) – KW
        Lisa Woolford, Manufacturing the Future – LW

        Kedar Pandya, Director for Cross-Council Programmes – KP
        Jennifer Channell, Energy & Decarbonisation – JC

Apologies: Laura Baker, Tata Steel – LB
           Kate Black, University of Liverpool – KB
           Adam Clare, University of Nottingham
           Chris Dungey, TWI – CD
Welcome and Introductions
The Chair welcomed SAT members and EPSRC staff to the meeting. KM was confirmed as the new Chair of the Manufacturing the Future SAT from 1st January 2022.

Theme & Corporate Update
LG provided an overview and added detail to ‘Theme Update’ paper. Discussion points included:

- 2020/21 Activities:
  An update on recently finished and ongoing calls, as well as team activities such as a second webinar.
- Recruitment Exercises:
  SAT and ECF applications are now open and welcomed from across the community.
- Manufacturing Sustainability Statement:
  New text regarding research sustainability in our calls.

KP presented and led a discussion on the Spending Review 2021 bid. A question and answer session then followed.

SAT Member Updates
SAT members gave personal and community updates to the group. These included:

- NICER programme update
- ATI Spending Review bid
- Campaign for Science and Engineering (CaSE) renewing their board membership

ED&I in Manufacturing the Future
This is a standing item at 2021 meetings. The SAT discussed application and success rate data and considered possible next steps that the theme could take.

Faraday Institution Engagement
PT led a round-table discussion with the SAT, seeking their input into how the Faraday Institution can link in with the manufacturing community going forward.

Strategic Priorities: Beyond 2023
The SAT were divided into groups to reflect on the outputs of the previous session and discuss possible ‘ways forward’, which were to keep some priorities but continue to develop them, review and assess the fit of others, or bring in new priorities.

Future Items
Suggestions for future sessions that the SAT would like to have were put forward.

AOB
The SAT were asked to publicise the SAT Recruitment and ECF Refresh exercises.

Close
Date of next meeting: 7th October 2021