

## July 2018 UKRI-EP SRC Council meeting

### UKRI Report from meeting

UKRI-EP SRC Council met on the 11 July at Imperial College, London. The meeting was chaired by Professor Mark Smith in his capacity as Senior Independent Member.

#### Summary

The meeting began with some contextual updates provided by the Executive Chair. The main business of the meeting concentrated on progress with the development of the Strategic Delivery Plan (SDP) and associated work streams, an update and discussion about EP SRC's business engagement strategy and finally an update on progress with the project to procure the next national super-computing service, ARCHER 2

#### Executive Chair Opening Remarks

Professor Nelson began by updating Council regarding the rapid developments associated with UKRI led funds. In particular Council welcomed the progress with identifying the first round of Strategic Priorities Funding areas. Council were also appraised of progress with the current [CDT call](#). Full proposals were now being prepared by those applicants successful at the outline stage and interview panels will take place later in the year. It is anticipated that the successful Centres will be announced in December 2018.

#### Progress with EP SRC's Strategic Delivery Plan

Council received a paper which described progress with the formal project which has been established to facilitate the development of the new Strategic Delivery Plan. It also described the [Strategic Advisory Network](#) (SAN) work stream that has been established to provide cross-portfolio advice on the overall Strategic Delivery Plan content, and specifically on the priorities using the inputs from community engagement activities. Council **agreed** the principles of the project and **noted** the role of the Council/SAN work stream in developing the Strategic Delivery Plan.

#### Implications of the Evolved Funding Landscape on EP SRC's Portfolio of Operation

Council considered a paper which described a proposed new Council/SAN workstream which would look at the implications of the current funding landscape for EP SRC's future portfolio and operation. This had been prompted by a discussion at the last Council meeting and it is intended that the outcome will facilitate deliberations associated with the development of the Strategic Delivery Plan. Council **endorsed** the plans for the work stream, the outputs of which will be brought back to the December Council meeting.

#### EP SRC's Business Engagement Strategy

Council were appraised of the evolution of EP SRC's extant business engagement strategy and specifically updated on a recent SAN work stream on engagement with SMEs. Council were asked to comment on the proposals for further evolution of this strategy. Council **agreed** to continue with the current approach and schemes, which they felt worked extremely well.

## **Progress with ARCHER 2 Project**

Council were informed of progress to procure the next national super-computing service, ARCHER 2. Council **noted** progress with the project.