

The Bioscience for Society (BSS) Strategy Panel is currently undergoing a review period whilst BBSRC considers how it accesses and responds to a broad range of considerations around its conduct and research. BSS members are actively contributing to this review, and the meeting plan for the last BSS meeting held on the 26 January 2016 is detailed below.

BSS – 26 January 2016

REVIEW OF BBSRC'S ABILITY TO CONSIDER WIDER PERSPECTIVES, AND BSS' ROLE IN THIS

PURPOSE

- BBSRC is reviewing how it accesses and responds to a broad range of considerations around its conduct and research. This meeting will give BSS members an opportunity to air their views on this and discuss the role an external panel (such as BSS) should have in supporting this.

OBJECTIVES

BSS members have...

- the space to consider how BBSRC should embed appropriate and credible political, economic, social, technological, legal and environmental consideration into strategic planning and decision making, including research funding decisions.
- the opportunity to discuss this and express their views
- the opportunity to discuss the future role of an external panel (such as BSS) in supporting BBSRC to effectively consider and respond to diverse perspectives

OUTPUTS

- Agreement on way forward
- A publishable record of the meeting and the views expressed

OUTCOMES

- BBSRC is recognised as a leader in embedding diverse considerations into its decision making

FORMAT

- The meeting will be independently facilitated to ensure all voices are heard and the time is used effectively. This will mean that the usual 'round table' discussion format will be disrupted with the use of, for instance, breakout groups, brainstorming and other facilitation techniques.
- The meeting is supported by a single restricted paper (BSS 2016/01)