BIOSCIENCE FOR INDUSTRY STRATEGY PANEL

DRAFT MINUTES of the Bioscience for Industry (BSI) Strategy Panel meeting held on 27 APRIL 2016 AT MRC. LONDON.

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BBSRC
Karen Lewis (Interim Executive Director, Innovation and Skills)
Andy Cureton (Head of Business Interaction)
Su Li (Associate Director, Business Engagement)
Adam Bowen (Senior Innovation Manager, Knowledge Exchange & Commercialisation Unit)
Baljinder Bains (Business Interaction Manager)

External
Joe Marshall (Chief Operating Officer and Director of Strategy, National Centre for University and Business (NCUB)) item 9 only.

APOLOGIES
1. Dr Nessa Carey (PraxisUnico).
2. Dr Neil Bradshaw (University of Bristol).
3. Mr Paul Mines (Biome Technologies)
4. Ms Sue Dunkerton (Knowledge Transfer Network)
5. Dr Janette Jones (Unilever)
6. Ms Claire Hughes (Marks & Spencer)
7. Dr Steven Walker (Deputy Chair) (Campden BRI)
8. Dr Patrick Sinnett-Smith (Bioscience for Society Strategy Panel representative).

ITEM 1: MINUTES OF THE BIOSCIENCE FOR INDUSTRY STRATEGY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 20-21 OCTOBER 2015 (BSI 01-16)

1. The Chair welcomed the Panel members and invited all individuals present at the meeting to introduce themselves. The Panel agreed the minutes as an accurate record of the previous meeting.

ITEM 2: MATTERS ARISING (ORAL)

2. Panel members whose membership is due to end were asked if they would consider extending their membership to the end of Dec 2016 as an interim measure whilst the BSI terms of reference are refreshed and new members appointed.
ITEM 3: CHAIRS REPORT & DEPUTY CHAIRS UPDATE (ORAL)

3. The Chair informed the Panel that there were no matters arising from the previous meeting as all actions were taken forward or were addressed in the meeting agenda.

4. The Deputy Chair was not present for the meeting.

ITEM 4: BBSRC LANDSCAPE UPDATE (ORAL)

6. BBSRC Office provided an update and overview of the key challenges and context in which BBSRC is currently operating and the Council response to these updates. Updates included; outcomes from the Comprehensive Spending Review, Nurse Review, the bioeconomy and BBSRC interim leadership arrangements.

7. BBSRC Office provided an update on BBSRC’s work on the Bioeconomy introduced to the Panel at the last BSI meeting in October 2015. The Panel noted whilst there is a European Bioeconomy strategy, there is value for the UK to develop a national Bioeconomy strategy focusing on developing and exploiting potential opportunities for economic growth and increasing productivity in the UK and take into account UK specific resources and priorities.

ITEM 5: INNOVATE UK UPDATE (ORAL)

9. Innovate UK presented an update on the organisation’s strategy for the next two years. The update included changes in the Innovate UK organisation structure and their five point plan. Innovate UK emphasised that although Innovate UK will be undergoing changes, their mission will remain unchanged.

ITEM 6: BBSRC INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION REVIEW (BSI 02-16)

10. BBSRC introduced a review of its approach and mechanisms to support academic – industry collaboration, which drew upon aspects of the industry collaboration workshop session held at the previous meeting.

11. BBSRC current approaches and mechanisms were reviewed in order to ensure they were delivering on our vision for innovation. BBSRC’s vision for innovation is to ensure that excellent bioscience research contributes to innovation in the most effective and broadest way so as to deliver economic and societal benefit for the UK and beyond.

12. BBSRC introduced the use of the network model as an alternative approach. The Panel were given the opportunity to discuss and ask questions.

Outputs from this facilitated discussion can be found under Annex 1.

Annex 1: This item is marked OFFICIAL:SENSITIVE and is recorded separately from the main body of the minutes.

Action: As an action to an output, BBSRC to consider, where possible, how best to reduce the level of administrative burden on business when developing new academic-industry collaborative competitions.

ITEM 7: GLOBAL CHALLENGES RESEARCH FUND (GCRF) AND OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA) (BSI 03-16)
13. BBSRC provided a brief overview of ODA available to the research base and in particular the opportunities within the GCRF.

14. The Panel were asked to consider how BBSRC can continue to support innovation in the biosciences through GCRF, particularly bioscience based businesses.

Outputs from this discussion can be found under Annex 2.
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ITEM 8: INSTITUTES ASSESSMENT EXERCISE UPDATE (ORAL)

15. An update was provided on the 2016 Institute Assessment Exercise, the institutes funding model 2017 and future plans for KEC support.

16. The Panel were asked to consider requirements for annual monitoring of performance in KEC at institutes with strategic funding from BBSRC (to be picked up in the next BSI panel meeting).

Action: BBSRC to include a paper outlining approaches for assurance of future delivery of effective KEC at institutes for BSI to consider at next meeting.

ITEM 9: KONFER BROKERAGE TOOL INTERACTION (ORAL)

17. NCUB presented an overview of the Konfer tool.

18. The need to embed the brokerage tool into the community was discussed.

19. The Panel discussed the tool as a way for academics to be able to also use it to find potential industry partners.

20. NCUB informed the panel that the intention is to launch the Konfer tool in October 2016 although it will go live in May 2016 so that it can be tested and fine-tuned.

Action: BBSRC to share the Konfer tool link with BSI Panel members once it goes live. Panel members will be requested to send feedback on the tool back to BBSRC.

ITEM 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS and UPDATES (BSI 04-16)

21. BBSRC gave an update on recent activities including proposed changes to the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Panel.

22. The Panel were asked whether they had any recommendations for possible new Panel members.

23. The Chair thanked all the Panel members for their input and informed them that the date of the next meeting will be confirmed in due course.

Action: BBSRC to circulate updated TOR and amend as necessary following feedback from the Panel members.

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ALL ACTIONS:

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• BBSRC to share the Konfer tool link with BSI Panel members once it goes live. Panel members will be requested to send feedback on the tool back to BBSRC.
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