



## Minutes – accepted

**Meeting:** UKRI-BBSRC Bioscience for Renewable Resources and Clean Growth STRATEGY ADVISORY PANEL

**Date and Time:** Part 1: 14:00 – 17:00 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Part 2: 14:00 – 17:00 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Venue:** Zoom teleconference

## Part 1 – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### Agenda

Item [paper]	Start	Description	Duration
	13:30	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Includes COI check by chair	10
	13:40	<b>Review of minutes and actions from last meeting</b>	5
#1 [RRCG_0421_1]	13:45	<b>Achievements from the last five years: Progress against strategic objectives</b> Colin Miles <i>Objective:</i> To discuss progress against BBSRC RRCG strategic aims. <i>Background:</i> The BBSRC RRCG team will present slides to demonstrate the progress made against strategic aims so far in the RRCG (and previously IBBE) area. The discussion will give SAP members a chance to feedback on the progress made and will set the scene for the next agenda items.	35
#2 [RRCG_0421_2]	14:20	<b>Producing a framework for RRCG</b> Joanna Sparks <i>Objective:</i> To get guidance from the SAP on the preparation of a strategic framework for RRCG. <i>Background:</i> BBSRC RRCG team propose that we create a “framework” booklet to better communicate to the research community and our stakeholders what type of research we fund and what our priorities are moving forwards. This document would be analogous to those that have previously been produced for other BBSRC strategic challenge areas.	60
	15:20	<b>Break</b>	5
#3 [RRCG_0421_3] and [RRCG_0421_4]	15:25	<b>Responsive mode priorities</b> Colin Miles <i>Objective:</i> To get input from SAP on a new set of responsive mode priorities for RRCG. <i>Background:</i> BBSRC’s responsive mode priorities that relate to research in RRCG need to be updated to better reflect our priorities for research in the area moving forward. This is especially important given the likelihood of increased reliance on RM in coming years due to reduced funding for managed programmes.	60

16:25	<b>Summary and next meeting</b>	5
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## Part 2 – 26<sup>th</sup> April

### Agenda

Item [paper]	Start	Description	Duration
	14.00	<b>Welcome</b>	5
#4 [RRCG_0421_5] [RRCG_0421_6]	14.05	<b>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the Biosciences</b> Clare Bhunnoo and Aidan Grimsley <i>Objective:</i> To present SAP with some of the contextual information, data and activities relating to issues around equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in the bioscience research and innovation community and have a discussion around the issues and how to increase diversity in this area. <i>Background:</i> It is timely to consider what BBSRC's role should be in improving EDI in this area of the biosciences, in the context of wider support for this area from BBSRC, UKRI and other funders.	35
#5 [RRCG_0421_7]	14.40	<b>Biomass Strategy</b> Rod Westrop/ Carly Whittaker (BEIS) <i>Objective:</i> To inform the SAP about the upcoming UK Biomass strategy and to discuss what this means for the RRCG area. <i>Background:</i> BEIS/ DEFRA are developing a Biomass strategy for the UK and this will have a large impact on the RRCG community in the future. At the point of the SAP meeting the consultation stage will be about to begin. A representative from BEIS will come to introduce this to the panel and identify how the BBSRC community can contribute.	30
	15.10	<b>Break</b>	5
#6 [RRCG_0421_8]	15.15	<b>Life beyond the NIBB</b> Colin Miles <i>Objective:</i> To discuss the needs of the community and look to the future to consider how BBSRC can support the community to maintain the current momentum after the current funding of the NIBB ends. <i>Background:</i> The BBSRC NIBB are currently funded to at least 2024. The NIBB have had a large impact, including the formation of more focused and agile communities in the RRCG area. It is important that BBSRC consider how this community and the benefits that have arisen are maintained once the current NIBB funding ends.	60
	16.15	<b>Summary and AoB</b>	5