


**Minutes – accepted**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>UKRI-BBSRC Bioscience for Renewable Resources and Clean Growth STRATEGY ADVISORY PANEL</b>
<b>Date and Time:</b>	<b>Part 1: 14:00 – 17:00 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b> <b>Part 2: 14:00 – 17:00 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Zoom teleconference</b>

**Attendance**

<b>Panel Members</b>	<b>BBSRC Staff</b>
Mr Paul Mines (Biome Bioplastics) - <b>Chair</b> Prof Neil Bruce (University of York) Dr David Humphreys (UCB) Dr Neil Parry (Unilever) Prof Michele Stanley (SAMS) Dr Jhuma Sadhukhan (University of Surrey) Dr Alison Mohr (University of Nottingham) Dr Amgad Moussa (Syngenta)	Dr Colin Miles Dr Joanna Sparks - <b>Secretariat</b> Dr Rod Westrop Dr Jennifer Swarbrick Dr Stephen Webb Mrs Chloë Heywood Dr Chrysanthi Michelaki Dr Jef Grainger
<b>Stakeholder Representation</b>	<b>Apologies received</b>
Dr Paul Bello (Innovate) Dr Richard Bailey (EPSRC)	Dr Alastair Gibbons (BBSRC)

**Agenda**

<b>Item [paper]</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Duration</b>
	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	60

		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.	
	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

### Key outcomes and actions

Item	Outcomes and actions	Owner	Due date/progress
#1	The Panel discussed the progress against the RRCG strategic aims over the last five years, what challenges had been encountered and what should be a focus moving forwards. The feedback from the panel in general was that there has been a lot of great underlying science and translation, and that the BBSRC NIBB have been very successful, particular around stakeholder engagement. The profile for IB and biorefining technologies in the UK was a concern, and it was concluded that more work was needed to improve mechanisms to supporting translation.		
#2	The Panel approved the proposal from the BBSRC team to produce a Strategic Framework Document for BBSRC Bioscience for Manufacturing and Clean Growth and provided feedback on the planned content and structure.  <i>Action: Integrate the panels feedback into the plan for the Strategic Framework Document.</i>	BBSRC office team	Next meeting
	<i>Action: Develop the plan into a document and bring back to the panel for further feedback.</i>	BBSRC office team	Next meeting
#3	The Panel discussed their experiences of Responsive Mode (RM) funding and the various problems with funding strategic priorities through this area. RM priorities were not considered to be an effective way of getting strategic priorities funded. One of the reasons was the lack of “uplift” in how		

research in these areas is assessed by the committees despite BBSRC strategy being one of the selection criteria. The Panel also outlined difficulties in getting in interdisciplinary or translational work funded through RM and the lack of engagement with those communities over the submission of proposals. Various possibilities for better applying strategic priorities through RM were discussed, including the possibility of focused highlights or uplifts in assessment to encourage proposals of that type.

*Action: Set up a working group to discuss potential priority areas. The group should be made up of Neil Bruce, Alison Mohr, Jhuma Sadhukhan and some members of the NIBB, and an ECR representative*

Colin Miles/ BBSRC office team      Next meeting