



**Council Business Meeting, Joint Council & Strategy Board Dinner,
Joint Council & Strategy Board Meeting - 12 & 13 July 2023**

Venue

Hilton York, 1 Tower Street, York, North Yorkshire, YO1 9WD

Order of Events

Wednesday 12 July 2023

13:00 Buffet lunch in the Towers Restaurant

14:00 Council Business Meeting, Micklegate and Bootham Suite

18:00 Pre-dinner drinks in the Conservatory Bar

18:45 Joint Council & Strategy Board Dinner, Walmgate Suite

Thursday 13 July 2023

08:45 Joint Council & Strategy Board Meeting, Micklegate and Bootham Suite

12:55 Buffet lunch in the Towers Restaurant

14:00 Strategy Board Meeting, Micklegate and Bootham Suite



Agenda - Council Business Meeting – 12th July 2023

Micklegate & Bootham Suite, Hilton York

Zoom details for virtual attendees - <https://ukri.zoom.us/j/98899282734>

Please note that a photographer will attend from 13:30 to take photographs of council members who were not available at the previous meeting in May

	Time	Item	Paper author /Lead	Paper #
01.	14:00 – 14:10	Welcome and apologies	Chair	Oral
02.		Register of declared interests	Chair	Oral
03.		Minutes of Council Business meeting May 2023 Matters arising	Simone Bryan/Chair	03
04.	14:10 – 14:15	UKRI Update	Emma Lindsell	Oral
05.	14:15 – 14:30	Finance Report	Gavin Mapstone	05
06.	14:30 – 14:45	Rapid spend options	Gavin Mapstone	06
07.	14:45 – 15:00	MRC led bids to the UKRI Infrastructure Fund 2023	Adam Staines	07
BREAK 15:00– 15:15				
08.	15:15 – 15:30	Health & Safety, security, and resilience annual report	Richard Smith	08
09.	15:30 – 15:40	UKRI Management of Carbon Emissions	Susan Simon	09
10.	15:40 – 16:10	Diversity across MRC governance structures	Sarah Goler-Solecki	10
11.	16:10– 16:15	EDI Considerations	Chair	Oral
12.	16:15 – 16:20	Environmental Sustainability considerations	Chair	Oral
13.	16:20 – 16:25	Any Other Business	All	Oral
14.	16:25 – 16:45	Council Private Business	All	Oral
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15.		Updates from the Executive	Simone Bryan	15
16.		Quarterly Operations update	Simone Bryan	16



17.		Oct 2023 Glasgow MRC Council Regional Visit: Draft Programme	Simone Bryan	17
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Walmgate Suite – Hilton York

18:00	<p>Pre-dinner drinks in the Conservatory Bar, Hilton York <i>Guests are invited for pre-dinner drinks. Please note that alcoholic drinks can no longer be provided through MRC. Soft drinks will be served on arrival and attendees will be able to purchase their own alcoholic drinks at the bar.</i></p>
18:45	<p>Guests to be seated for dinner</p> <p>Starter will be served, following which, John Iredale will give opening remarks to frame the discussion over dinner: <i>The discussion focuses on the effectiveness of MRC's relationships with other funders, within the complex funding landscape. The perception is MRC is managing the tensions/funder relationships and balance reasonably well. How do you, after discussion, benchmark us and more importantly are there gaps or areas where we should do better or focus on?</i></p> <p><i>The main course will be served approximately 40 minutes after the starter, allowing sufficient time for discussion</i></p>



Agenda - Joint Council & Strategy Board Meeting 13th July 2023
Micklegate and Bootham Suite, Hilton York

Zoom details for virtual attendees - <https://ukri.zoom.us/j/99986128130>

	Time	Item	Paper author /Lead	Paper #
01.	08:45 – 08:50	Welcome and Apologies	Chair	Oral
02.	08:50 – 08:55	Update on African Units	John Iredale	Oral
03.	08:55 – 09:40	New LMS strategy and funding uplift request <i>Following presentation, discussion and Q&A, Council members will be asked to consider the LMS application for funding uplift.</i>	Richard Evans, Wiebke Art	03
BREAK – 09:40 – 09:50				
04.	09:50 - 10:35	Prep for the next Spending Review	Heike Weber	04
05.	10:35 - 11:25	MRC's position in digital science and health <i>Prof. Chris Holmes, Director for Health and Medical Sciences at the Turing Institute, will introduce this item. Prof. Mike Barnes, Professor of Bioinformatics and Director of the Centre for Translational Bioinformatics, Queen Mary University of London, and Prof. John Whittaker, Director of MRC Biostatistics Unit, University of Cambridge, will also provide their comments.</i>	Mike Ball	05
06.	11:25 - 11:55	MRC's support for Data Infrastructure	Mike Ball, Catherine Moody, Adam Staines	06
BREAK – 11:55 – 12:05				
07.	12:05 - 12:55	MRC's framework for Place	Helen Bodmer	07
Buffet lunch will be available 12:55 – 13:55 in the Towers Restaurant, Hilton York				

Strategy Board Meeting will follow at 14:00. Members attending the meeting will be provided with a separate agenda.