

MINUTES OF STFC EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
4TH JUNE 2025
Held by videoconference

Attendees:

Council	Michele Dougherty (Chair) Andy Schofield (SIM & co-Chair) until 11:30am Lucy Edge JT Janssen until 10 am Patricia Hodgson Carsten Welsch until 10.30am Stan Bentvelsen David Charlton Jayne Lawrence Andrew Pontzen Hitesh Thakrar Angeli Möller Secretariat Maya Riddle & Jade Schneiders	Attendees	Keith Grainge, Chair of Science Board (PPAN) Jacqui Cole, Chair of Science Board (F&L) Chris Wrench, Director of Finance Keith Zimmerman, COO Item 3 Roger Eccleston, Exec Director National Labs: Large Scale Facilities Item 1-3 Rosanna Greenop (STFC Strategy team) Grahame Blair, Exec Director Programmes Dave Newbold, Exec Director National Labs: Science & Technology
Apologies	Jana Kolar Paul Monks, DESNZ CSA		

1. Welcome & Exec Chair Update

- 1.1. Michele Dougherty (MKD) welcomed everyone to this extra Council meeting.
- 1.2. Apologies were received from Jana Kolar and Paul Monks.
- 1.3. MKD said that she was taking reform seriously and that STFC needed to reshape itself to be financial sustainable in the longer term.

2. Financial update

- 2.1. Chris Wrench gave an overview of financial positioning and background.

3. STFC Prioritisation

- 3.1. Updates on the prioritisation programme were provided by:
 - Roger Eccleston, who outlined several scenarios that had been considered to reduce costs on the three multidisciplinary facilities

- Grahame Blair, who outlined saving options for the PPAN programmed based upon the scientific prioritisation from Science Board (PPAN)
 - David Newbold, who outlined options within National Labs for savings
- 3.2. Council expressed concerns over the measures presented and cautioned over unintended consequences. It was agreed that members would be kept updated with development on the spending review and prioritisation exercise.

4. Next Steps

- 4.1. Council recommended that STFC communicate with the community on a more regular basis and develop a longer term vision for STFC.

5. AOB

- 5.1. Keith Grainge flagged concern on behalf of Science Board PPAN over the new Studentship Algorithm and advised STFC to either amend the proposed algorithm or carry on using the current algorithm for the coming year.
- 5.2. MKD, with the support of council, agreed with the recommendation to continue to use the original algorithm and asked the secretariat to inform the STFC Programmes Directorate.