

Minutes of the STFC Extraordinary Council meeting

4<sup>th</sup> June

Virtual

**Attendees**

Council:

Michele Dougherty (Chair)

Andy Schofield (SIM)

Stan Bentvelsen

David Charlton

Lucy Edge

Patricia Hodgson

JT Janssen

Jayne Lawrence

Angeli Möller

Andrew Pontzen

Hitesh Thakrar

Carsten Welsch

Council observers:

Keith Grainge, Chair of Science Board (PPAN)

Jacqui Cole, Chair of Science Board (F&L)

Secretariat

Other attendees:

Roger Eccleston, Exec Director National Labs: Large Scale Facilities – Item 3

Grahame Blair, Exec Director Programmes – item 1-3

Dave Newbold, Exec Director National Labs: Science & Technology – item 1-3

STFC Strategy team – item 1-3

Apologies:

Jana Kolar

Paul Monks, DESNZ CSA

## **1 Welcome and Executive 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**

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

## **3 STFC Prioritisation**

- 3.1 Updates on the prioritisation programme were provided:
  - Several scenarios had been considered to reduce costs on the three multidisciplinary facilities
  - Saving options for the PPAN programmed based upon the scientific prioritisation from Science Board (PPAN)
  - 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 Any other business**

- 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.