

Draft Innovation Group minutes

Thursday, 16th May, 14:30 – 16:30

St Catherine's College, Manor Road, Oxford OX1 3UJ

Members present:	<p>Lesley Thompson, Vice President, Academic & Government Strategic Alliance Elsevier</p> <p>Ian Chapman, CEO and Head of EURATOM/CCFE Fusion Association, UKAEA</p> <p>Phil Clare, Deputy Director, Knowledge Exchange and Engagement, Oxford University</p> <p>Debbie Buckley-Golder, Head of Research Engagement Innovate UK</p> <p>Paul Beasley, Professor of Energy Systems and Head of R&D Siemens UK</p> <p>Simonetta Manfredi, Associate Dean for Research Knowledge and Exchange, Oxford Brookes</p>
Apologies:	<p>Jason Kingsley, OBE, Co-Founder, CEO and Owner of Rebellion</p> <p>Andrew Harrison, CEO Diamond Light Source Ltd</p> <p>Chas Bountra, , Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Innovation) University of Oxford</p> <p>Linda King, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Research and Global Partnerships Oxford Brookes University</p> <p>David Crichton-Miller, Advanced Oxford member and (SQW Group) Group CEO</p> <p>Roger Neal, Technical Services Manager Sophos UK</p> <p>James Colgate, Group Strategy Director Williams Grand Prix Engineering Ltd</p> <p>Stuart Martin, CEO Satellite Applications Catapult</p> <p>Agne Milukaite, CEO Cycle Land</p> <p>Barbara Ghinelli, Advanced Oxford member and (STFC) Business Development Director</p>
In attendance:	<p>Rosanna Sheehan, OxLEP</p> <p>Thandiwe Hara-Msulira, OxLEP</p> <p>Sebastian Johnson, OxLEP</p> <p>Ahmed Goga, OxLEP</p> <p>Prof Simonetta Manfredi, Oxford Brookes</p>

Item 1 - Welcome, introductions and apologies

- Chair welcomed members to the Innovation Group meeting. Apologies noted as above.

Item 2 - Matters Arising & Minutes of Meeting on 28th February 2018

- All agree minutes from meeting on 28th February
- Thandiwe introduced to the group
- AG: Informed the group that Advanced Oxford now have a Chief Executive – Sarah Hayward

Item 3 – Oxfordshire Local Industrial Strategy

- AG gave updated on the LIS
 - o Working to publish before the summer recess alongside the OxCam Arc; West Midlands published today
 - o Current state:
 - Going through Whitehall for comments on the minutiae
 - Document to go out week of 18th June for the LEP Board meeting on the 25th June. Will then be sent for ministerial approval in July
 - o Updates:
 - Government is going through a homogenisation process to get Local Industrial Strategies more aligned with the grand challenges and five foundations.
 - There will now be single arc chapter in the document – common to all arc strategies
 - There will also be an arc commitment chapter
 - o Ask is for 3 funds
 - 1 – investment and scale ups
 - 2 – specifically for world class scale up programme
 - 3 – investment fund for commercial infrastructure
- PC
 - o 10 arc universities
 - o Ties into funding
- Discussion of the Innovation paper that was circulated for this meeting
 - o Been part of discussion with 2.4% team – has helped them to understand what we need
 - o The group gave positive feedback, AG urged group to use the paper.

Item 4 – Oxfordshire Internationalisation Strategy

- SJ gave presentation of Internationalisation strategy
 - o FDI figures for YE march 2019
 - Year on year increase in FDI, even accounting for Westgate and Bicester Village expansion
 - There has been a decrease most recently due to Brexit uncertainty – global effect
 - Our upward trend is unique. Brexit dip is UK- wide
 - o OSI
 - Has some significant global investors
 - 2018 – 24 spinouts from the Uni (up from 4/5 a few years ago)
 - o Business support sub group signed off on internationalisation strategy this week
 - o Oxfordshire is only place in country working with DIT on three strands (inward invest, international trade, capital investment)
 - o Sector deep dives: two key sectors
 - Space
 - Life sciences and healthcare
 - o Working on a “living in Oxfordshire” proposition
 - o Real opportunity for targeted campaign work around health and life sciences in USA
 - o Delivery plan to be done by sept – taking to board then
- Questions

- PC: what do you need from us to deliver?
 - SJ: Continuing work with your marketing teams – developing collateral, rolling out the red carpet for businesses
- Writing china prospectus
- LT: need to start sharing the collateral for these – the issue is do we know if we're not sharing
 - AG: hopefully cluster map will be useful start for sharing
 - PC: not just sharing internationally, but also internally
 - All like idea of sharing consistency of messaging
 - AG: comms plan to come
- AG: we will share these slides

Item 5 – Innovation Group Priorities for 2019/20

- AG led discussion of priorities for this group moving forward
- Context
 - 4 innovation centres – all nearly at capacity
 - High demand – need for more, quicker pace
 - Shows at least 1bn of investments into ecosystem through various projects
 - This is a lot of investment into Oxfordshire – how do we use it?
 - D BG: Not just for benefit of Ox – wider benefit to uk plc
 - LT: we need to be more cognisant of backstory – lots of success!
- Priorities for 2019/20
 - These are to be framed and directed by LIS
 - Development of Cluster Programme
 - Launch of interactive map
 - Proactive profile, promotion and comms plan
 - D BG: don't forget population and workforce here: they are the ones who will deliver on this
 - Connect to other global ecosystems
 - Development of Oxfordshire Internationalisation Strategy
 - Increasing business investment in R&D and 'C' across the ecosystem
 - Ensuring the ecosystem delivers inclusive growth – across Oxfordshire and the UK
 - We need to show this to secure investment and the hearts and minds of key politicians
 - Have to show pathway into world leading activities for everyone
 - Apprenticeships etc
 - Must show that this is for everyone
 - Jan Rodes, Chair of the Oxford Strategic Partnership is proposing an inclusive growth commission to ensure this
 - LEP to be joint partner
 - This will be extra line in LIS – people strand
 - SM: is this an arc level thing?
 - General consensus that no
 - AG: we want to lead on this
 - SM suggests having an Oxfordshire run inclusive growth commission for the rest of country
 - Need concrete examples of Oxfordshire delivering for the rest of the UK

- BGGA report
 - Want infographic that shows spin outs moving to other counties
- Need narratives of certain companies, infographics, etc to feed into comms plan
 - **Welcome suggestions**
- There is further discussion and consensus that the list of priorities is appropriate
- Paul B: we keep referencing the US – potentially missing Europe opportunity
 - Some discussion of Brexit uncertainty
 - D BG: whatever outcome, we will need a strong relationship with Europe – this might need to be reflected
 - TM: we shouldn't go either/or on Europe
 - Phil C: why not include yearlong strategic engagement with Europe

Item 6 - UIDP Oxford Summit – 31st July-2nd Aug

- PC gave presentation of upcoming Oxford UIDP summit
- 31st July – 2 August 2019
 - Keble College, University of Oxford
 - US, UK, and European Universities and Businesses
 - Pre-summit workshops 30-31st July
- Leading speakers from each side of the Atlantic for keynotes
- Themes
- Request for promotion to key companies in Oxfordshire – particularly with transatlantic reach
 - Currently promoted through UIDP network and Practice oral
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- D BG: if you write me a couple of paragraphs I can send to KTN
- PC: we are looking for an audience of senior people looking at research relationships, BEIS etc have been invited
 - AG: suggests no. 10 policy unit

Item 7 – any other business

- Next meeting
 - Currently set for 11th July
 - Sept board meeting so can be pushed back
 - We can look for something 1st week sept or late July
- SM
 - 24th October presentation of outcomes of women in spin outs project
 - 31st may Oxford Brookes and Innovate UK
 - Simonetta to send details to RS for circulation