

**UNIVERSITY COURT**

A meeting of the University Court will be held at 2.00 pm on Monday 11 December 2023 in the University Court Hotel.

Members unable to attend the Court meeting, and who have not already tendered their apologies, are asked to let the Policy & Planning Office know by Thursday 7 December 2023 (email: [sacsdirectorateteam@stir.ac.uk](mailto:sacsdirectorateteam@stir.ac.uk)).

Eileen Schofield

University Secretary

**AGENDA**

**1.** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To note any declarations of interest from Court members, as appropriate

**2.** **MINUTES** **UC(23/24) Minutes 1**

To approve the minutes of the meeting of University Court held on 23 October 2023

**3.** **MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA**

To receive an update any matters arising from previous minutes

**4.** **KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT** **UC(23/24) 16**

To note the recent developments in the external environment

***INSTITUTIONAL PLANNING & BUDGETING***

**5.** **DIGITAL STRATEGY** **2023 – 2030** **UC(23/24) 17**

To consider and approve the Digital Strategy

**6.**  **RESEARCH AND INNOVATION STRATEGY 2023 – 2030** **UC(23/24) 18**

To consider and approve the Research and Innovation Strategy

**7.** **UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2022/23**

To approve the Annual Report and Financial Statements 2022/23 and consider the Letter of Representation and Report to the Audit Committee from the external auditor.

1. The Financial Statements for 2022/23 as recommended by the **UC(23/24) 19(i)**

Joint Policy, Planning and Resources Committee and Audit Committee

1. Report to Audit Committee from the External Auditor **UC(23/24) 19(ii)**
2. The Letter of Representation from the University **UC(23/24) 19(iii)**

**8.** **QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE REPORTING**  **UC(23/24) 20**

To consider and approve the Quarter 1 performance update and the revised Capital and Major Infrastructure Plan

***COLLABORATION***

**9.**  **CITY DEAL** **UC(23/24) 21**

To consider an update from the University’s City Region and Growth Deal Programme Board

***POLICY***

**10.**  **FREEDOM TO SPEAK UP (WHISTLEBLOWING) POLICY** **UC(22/23) 22**

To approve the revised Freedom to Speak Up (Whistleblowing) Policy

***ACTIVITY UPDATES***

**11.** **STUDENTS’ UNION UPDATE** **UC(23/24) 23**

To receive an update on activity from the Students’ Union

**12.**  **STAFF AND EMPLOYMENT UPDATE** **UC(23/24) 24**

To note an update on staff and employment matters

***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

**13.** **UNIVERSITY COURT UC(23/24) 25**

To consider the annual reflective report from Court 2022/23

**14.** **ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

To consider the following reports from Academic Council

1. Annual Report Academic Council Effectiveness 2022/23 **UC(23/24) 26(i)**
2. Report from meeting of 29 November 2023 **UC(23/24) 26(ii)**

**15.** **JOINT POLICY, PLANNING & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

To consider the following reports from JPPRC

1. Annual reflective report from JPPRC for 2022/23 **UC(23/24) 27(i)**
2. Report from the meeting of 21 November 2023 **UC(23/24) 27(ii)**

**16.** **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

To consider the following reports from the Audit Committee

1. Annual Report from Audit Committee 2022/23 **UC(23/24) 28(i)**
2. Internal Audit Annual Report for 2022/23 **UC(23/24) 28(ii)**
3. Report from meeting of 13 November 2023 **UC(23/24) 28(iii)**

**17.** **GOVERNANCE AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

To consider the following reports from Governance and Nominations Committee

1. Annual report from Governance and Nominations Committee 2022/23

**UC(23/24) 29(i)**

1. To consider the report on committee appointments approved and recommended by GNC. **UC(23/24) 29(ii)**

**18.** **UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE** **UC(23/24) 30**

To consider the annual report from the University Research Ethics Committee for 2022/23.

**RISKS**

**19.** **RISKS ARISING** **Oral**

To consider risks associated with any items discussed in the context of the agreed risk appetite statement

***OTHER ITEMS***

**20.** **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**21.** **NEXT MEETING**

To note the schedule of meetings for the remainder of 2023-24 is:

* 26 March 2024 (meeting of Court from 10.30am – 12.30pm)
* 10 June 2024 (meeting of Court from 2pm – 4pm)

**Policy & Planning**

**December 2023**