

Innovation Advisory Council for Wales

6th September 2019, A Space in the City, Cardiff Minutes

Present: David Notley (DN) (co-chair)
Andy Middleton (AM)
Claire Durkin (CD)
Jon Wood (JW)
Sue Bale (SB)
Kevin Morgan (KM)
Rob Ashelford (RA)

Apologies: Kellie Beirne (KB)
Rhys Thomas (RT)
Carol Bell (CB)
Steve Smith (SS)
Ian Brotherston (IB)
Helen Swygart (HS)

Secretariat: Phil Allen (PA)
Philippa Costello (PC)

Guest Speakers: Ann Humble (AH) (WG)

Agenda item		Action
1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>DN welcomed council members to the 20th IACW meeting.</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed. RA provided a brief update on the project Y Lab are currently working on measuring innovation in public services in Wales. A further update will be provided after Christmas.</p> <p>DN to follow up on action regarding Welsh representation on UKRI boards.</p> <p>DN to make contact with WG department dealing with the new International Strategy that is currently out for consultation to find out how IACW can contribute to the call for evidence.</p> <p>The minutes were approved and agreed.</p> <p>Council members present were asked to indicate any direct or indirect conflicts of interest in the proposed agenda items. No new interests were recorded.</p>	<p>RA</p> <p>DN</p> <p>DN</p>
2	<p>IACW Sub-groups</p> <p>DN opened the discussion on the sub groups which had been proposed at the last meeting:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public services – led by RA and supported by IB and SB; • Precision Agriculture – led by AM and supported by SS and HS; • Sports and the Creative Industries – led by CD and supported by CB and RT. <p>DN will sit on each subgroup looking at the cross cutting themes of data and information; networks and collaboration; translation and adoption; and future proofing readiness.</p> <p>DN highlighted that terms of reference are needed for each sub group.</p> <p>RA fed back to Council on preliminary discussions on the Public Services group which have focussed on what the objectives and key results of the group should be, what the group aim to achieve in the first year and what it will do. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating and improving conditions to maximise the benefits of innovation in public services in Wales which they will face over the next year; • Increase investment in public service R&D. <p>RA stated the group will be looking at what the spend is on public service innovation in Wales by end of November.</p> <p>AM fed back to Council on the Precision Agriculture sub group. The group will be looking to define Precision Agriculture and also hope to commission some studies in this area.</p> <p>CD fed back on the Sport and Creative Industries topic. The terms of reference for the group will focus on looking at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of the sector in relation to innovation in the creative industries and also look at the span of the sector. What are the strengths; • Data for the sector, eg GDP – huge gap. Group will look at growth of the sector eg jobs and GDP and the impact of Brexit; • Make up of the sector - film industry and museums form part of the sector, but this also includes numerous businesses; • International market; • There is currently a sector deal on this topic but in England only. Could there be a Welsh sector deal? <p>RA volunteered to also sit on this group.</p> <p>PC to circulate RA's OKR template for all sub groups to use to identify what each group will achieve and what the outcomes will be.</p> <p>Sub group leads to produce summary of OKR's and report back at next IACW meeting.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>RA, AM, CD</p>
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<p>3</p>	<p>Ann Humble – Impact of Brexit</p> <p>AH highlighted the Welsh Government's work on the spatial analysis of the potential impacts of Brexit. It is an approach to inform policy development across WG and will be used to inform the WG and UK Government 'No Deal' strategic planning.</p> <p>The analysis work is a risk assessment and will need to take into consideration the fact that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responses to Brexit will vary by business and the overall economic climate; • the work only gives indications of broad patterns. <p>There are 3 phases to the work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture analysis; • Economic sector analysis; • Impact on communities. <p>The discussion centred on how IACW can assist and contribute to this work and what role innovation plays.</p> <p>Volunteers from IACW are needed to engage with AH going forward to inform the next steps.</p>	<p>IACW</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>OECD Economic Governance Review for WG</p> <p>WG has partnered with the OECD in a project to analyse Welsh multi-level governance systems to support its regionalisation agenda. It aims to inform the implementation of the Economic Action Plan and support the development of the replacement regional investment approach to replace EU Structural Funds post-Brexit.</p> <p>The project has 3 strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report on the analysis of the multi-level governance structures and practices in Wales; • Development of a toolkit for action to support the fiscal and financial capacity for regional development and infrastructure investment, including monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for regional development policy and investment effectiveness; • 2 seminars with relevant stakeholders to discuss the main recommendations from the report. <p>KM is a member of the committee producing the report and is involved in the monitoring and evaluation element. KM stated monitoring and evaluation is critical to know what works well and why.</p> <p>The main report is not due to be finalised until 2020, however the monitoring and evaluation element is due to be completed October 2019.</p> <p>KM to send report to Council. Please send suggestions of possible recommendations for inclusion in the report to KM.</p>	<p>KM and IACW</p>

<p>5</p>	<p>IACW Update</p> <p>DN informed Council of KB's intention to step down as co-Chair of IACW at the next Council meeting in November. KB will however continue as a member of Council. It was noted that there now needs to be closer working links with the Wales Science and Innovation Advisory Council.</p> <p>Please let PC know if you are interested in becoming Chair of IACW.</p> <p>PA to provide up to date position on TERCW at next IACW meeting.</p> <p>Raising the profile of innovation was discussed which will be achieved in a number of ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the work and actions of the sub groups; • Meet with the Director General and First Minister to make the case for innovation to be visible. <p>KB and DN to write to Director General Andrew Slade to ask for a meeting prior to requesting a meeting with the First Minister to discuss the importance of innovation as a cross cutting theme.</p> <p>PC to invite Duncan Hamer to next Council meeting.</p>	<p>IACW</p> <p>PA</p> <p>KB and DN</p> <p>PC</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>The next IACW meeting is scheduled for 29th November 2019, venue to be confirmed. The sub-groups to meet on 18th October if convenient.</p>	<p>IACW</p>