

Innovation Advisory Council for Wales

30th July 2021, Virtual Meeting
Minutes

Present: David Notley (DN) (co-chair)
Claire Durkin (CD) (co-chair)
Kevin Morgan (KM)
Carol Bell (CB)
Rhys Thomas (RT)
Rob Ashelford (RA)
Karen Cherrett (KC)
Rony Seamons (RS)
Ian Brotherston (IB)
Ieuan Wyn Jones (IWJ)
David Cunnah (DC)

Apologies: Julie Booth (JB)
Andy Middleton (AM)

Secretariat: Philippa Costello (PC)
Abi Phillips (AP)

Agenda item		Action
1	Welcome DN welcomed council members to the 27th IACW meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and approved. DN updated the action log with numbers 2, 29, 30 and 34 remaining open and carried forward to the next meeting. Council members present were asked to indicate any direct or indirect conflicts of interest in the proposed agenda items. No new interests were recorded.	
2	Feedback from Ministerial Meeting CD fed back on the meeting recently attended by DN and CD with the new Minister for Economy, Vaughan Gething. CD reported that the Minister was aware of the recent reports produced by KM and RS. The Minister has requested another meeting with the Chairs in September to discuss the IACW workplan going forward.	
3	Innovation Strategy Discussion AP updated Council on the progress of the new Innovation Strategy. The reports produced by KM and RS have been well received and the 3 stakeholder events held with the Public and Private sectors	

	and internal WG staff have been very well attended. Similar themes and topics arose from all 3 events; summary reports highlighting the main points will be published shortly on the IACW web page. AP stated a briefing was sent to the Ministers for Economy, Health and Education due to the links to innovation in their portfolios, who have agreed to the development of a single cross government innovation strategy. A subsequent meeting has been held with Special Advisers to gain a consensus on what the Ministers are looking for. A further meeting has been agreed. AP advised that an internal WG working group has been set up and work has begun on the Integrated Impact Assessment, which will be published in draft format alongside a draft copy of the strategy for comment. AP stated the focus of the next working group is to discuss what the structure of the strategy should look like. An external stakeholder working group will be set up to provide constructive criticism and comment. Please send any suggestions for potential names to join the external stakeholder working group to PD. AP stated all draft versions of the strategy will be sent to Council for review. PD to send stakeholder summary reports to Council. KC introduced a draft workplan paper which is a starter and discussion point to be used to shape activities for IACW to take forward. This is in response to challenge from the Minister to help shape the strategy for Wales. KC invited comment on what IACW see their role as in the development of the strategy. KC to share slides.	IACW PD IACW KC
4	AOB DN discussed membership and stated that a review of the current membership will be carried out through an expression of interest process. He also stated that following the stakeholder events, a number of people have also expressed an interest in joining the Council. A formal process for joining Council for new members will be made through an EOI going forward. PD to issue EOI. CD announced that she is stepping down from her role as co-Chair. Please could you let DN and PD know by close of play Friday 6 August if you are interested in becoming co-Chair of IACW. AP noted this is Philippa Adrych's final IACW meeting as she will be leaving to start her next position shortly. Council thanked Philippa for all her hard work, support and contribution in helping drive forward the work of the Innovation Strategy.	PD IACW