

Principal's Strategy Group Meeting 25 November 2013

Amongst the items discussed were:

1. REF 2014

Vice-Principal Seckl updated the Group on the REF 2014 submission and thanked all of those who had contributed to this mammoth undertaking. The results will be available in December 2014.

2. Research Targets

The Group discussed Vice Principal Seckl's paper which considered further some of the questions raised at the recent retreat.

Although PSG acknowledged that the targets proposed were ambitious they were broadly supportive of them, and also of the strategies suggested to help meet the targets. The potential opportunity, particularly with Horizon 20:20, is especially noteworthy.

The Group agreed that "impact" is likely to remain as a key factor in future REF exercises and we should ensure that we have the research mechanisms in place to capture this information on an ongoing basis.

3. Festivals Strategy

Senior Vice-Principal Bownes introduced this paper and the Group considered the merits of the University's collaboration with the Festivals and endorsed the Festivals Working Group to take forward activity in this area.

4. RUK Bursary Name Change

PSG considered the proposal and agreed that the "University of Edinburgh Bursary" provided the required clarity for the scheme from the perspective of the students. There may be a short period of transition but the new name should be brought in as soon as possible.