Minutes of the Council business meeting held at One Kemble Street on 29 September 2016

Present:

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<td>Mr Donald Brydon (Chairman)</td>
<td>Ms Sam Bartholomew</td>
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<td>Sir John Savill (CEO)</td>
<td>Mr Hugh Dunlop</td>
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<td>Dr John Brown</td>
<td>Dr Declan Mulkeen</td>
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<td>Professor Doreen Cantrell via teleconference</td>
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<td>Professor Dame Janet Finch</td>
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<td>Dr Ruth McKernan via teleconference</td>
<td>Mrs Helen Page via teleconference</td>
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<td>Baroness Onora O’Neill via teleconference</td>
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Observers

Ms Helen Bodmer (BEIS) via teleconference
Ms Hilary Evans, CEO Alzheimer’s Research UK, via teleconference
Mr Jeremy Hughes, CEO Alzheimer’s Society, via teleconference

Apologies:
Professor Dame Sally Davies
Professor Chris Day
Professor Paddy Johnston
Professor Dame Sally Macintyre
Dr Mene Pangalos
Professor Michael Schneider

Council business meeting

The meeting began at 12.30pm.

Welcome

Mr Brydon welcomed Council to the meeting and thanked members for participating at short notice. He also welcomed Hilary Evans, CEO of Alzheimer’s Research UK (ARUK) and Jeremy Hughes, CEO of Alzheimer’s Society (AS), both of whom had joined the meeting via teleconference for the Dementia Research Institute discussion.
1. Establishing the UK Dementia Research Institute (DRI)

Sir John informed members that the purpose of the discussion was to update Council on progress and plans for establishing the DRI and to seek approval for proposals regarding establishing the DRI as a company.

Council approved the proposals as set out in the paper and noted that the Directorship Advisory Panel had met on 22 September and an excellent candidate had been identified as the Director-elect for the DRI.

Mr Brydon thanked Ms Evans, Mr Hughes and Dr Buckle for their input and drew the discussion to a close.

2A. University units update

Council noted the progress with the university unit programme which had been outlined in the paper. Mr Minty highlighted that the MRC Clinical Trial Service Unit had transferred to MRC university unit status at the University of Oxford on 1 July 2016. The unit would now be known as the ‘MRC Population Health Research Unit (MRC PHRU) at the University of Oxford’. The MRC Institute of Hearing Research (IHR) had transferred to MRC university unit status at the University of Nottingham on 1 June 2016. The unit would now be known as the ‘MRC Institute of Hearing Research (MRC IHR) at the University of Nottingham’.

2C. MRC Biostatistics Unit - Gateway Three Review

Council approved progression through Gateway 3 for the transfer of the MRC Biostatistics Unit (BSU) into the University of Cambridge to form a university unit and delegated responsibility for approving and signing the legal agreements to Management Board and Sir John Savill, respectively.

3. Any other business

Mr Brydon informed members that he had accepted reappointment as Chair of the MRC from 1 October 2016 until 31 March 2018.

Mr Brydon also noted that this was Dr McKernan’s last meeting as a Council member and thanked her for her four years of service to the MRC in which she had been an excellent Council member bringing both scientific expertise and an industry perspective and making many valuable contributions to discussions.