

UNIVERSITY OF YORK

Senate

PARTNERSHIPS, ENTERPRISE AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Matters for note by Senate arising from the meeting of Partnerships, Enterprise and Engagement Committee on 24 October 2022

1. Knowledge Exchange Concordat Progress Update

The Committee received an oral report on progress regarding the Knowledge Exchange Concordat. The following was noted:

- (a) Progress had been made across all six areas of focus. A full report to outline work over the previous year would be presented at the next meeting of the Committee. In terms of culture, work was underway to assess the consistency of internal funding allocation. Further work was needed to strengthen governance and oversight in regards to educational partnerships. High-level guidance on the development of partnerships was under development.
- (b) It was clarified that EDI was an area of development, and the Committee recognised the potential positive impact arising from further involvement in such work.

2. Status of the HEIF Steering Group

The Committee considered proposed changes to the status of the HEIF Steering Group. It was noted that the management of HEIF funding had changed over recent years and the current remit of the HEIF Steering Group was no longer the best fit for the needs of the institution. An operational sub-committee of UPEC, for the carrying out of operational matters, would be beneficial. It was clarified that the unallocated HEIF funding which would be considered via the HEIF Steering Group was a relatively low amount.

The Committee requested that a taxonomy be developed to outline decision-making in the research space. The proposed changes would be presented to the upcoming meeting of the Committee on 7 December in order to ensure members not currently present were able to fully consider the item.

3. Impact and Knowledge Exchange Governance

The Committee considered a report on the governance of Impact and Knowledge Exchange (KE) within departments as well as a series of proposed changes. The following points were noted:

- (a) The paper had previously been considered by URC and input sought from Faculty Research Managers and Impact Leads.
- (b) It was important to embed flexibility into the governance of Impact and KE, to accurately reflect the nuance of the area and empower departments to incorporate guidance as appropriate.
- (c) A larger piece of work was required to consider governance structures, including those concerning Impact and KE.

The proposed changes were approved.

4. Other Business

- (a) The Committee received for information a report on the University Transformational Initiative: Diversifying Philanthropy and York for Life.
- (b) The Committee considered an update on the IntoUniversity and Westfield Humber Regions Projects.