**Innovation Advisory Council for Wales**

**9th October 2020, Virtual Meeting**

**Minutes**

Present: David Notley (DN) (co-chair)

Claire Durkin (CD) (co-chair)

Andy Middleton (AM)

Kevin Morgan (KM)

Jon Wood (JW)

Carol Bell (CB)

Rhys Thomas (RT)

Rob Ashelford (RA)

Karen Cherrett (KC)

Rony Seamons (RS)

Julie Booth (JB)

Apologies: Steve Smith (SS)

Ian Brotherston (IB)

Secretariat: Philippa Costello (PC)

Greg Green (GG)

Phil Allen (PA)

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| **Agenda item** |  | **Action** |
| **1** | **Welcome**  DN welcomed council members to the 24th IACW meeting.  The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and approved.  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** | **IACW Update**  DN informed Council that Helen Swygart has resigned from IACW. DN thanked HS for her commitment and dedication to Council over the last 6 years.  DN welcomed JB to her first Council meeting.  DN and CD will be meeting with the Deputy Minister for Economy & Transport, Lee Waters on 19th October to highlight the work of the Council. RA commented on the work of the Centre for Digital Public Services Wales and the relevance to the DM’s portfolio. DN and CD to report back at next Council meeting.  DN noted that CD, KM and DN attended recent workshops on the new Innovate UK Innovation Strategy. PA stated that AP is currently reaching out to businesses to get involved in the discussions on the strategy. KM and RT agreed that a bigger voice is needed for industry-led R&D, or there is a risk of losing out to science, which is not innovation. | **DN & CD** |
| **3** | **Brown Review – Data Nation Accelerator**  A discussion was held on the Data Nation Accelerator brochure. Council feel there isn’t currently enough detail within the brochure and queried who it is aimed at and what the ask is. KC commented that the brochure is aimed at funders. CD to feedback comments on the brochure to Phil Brown and team.  There are workshops taking place which CD will be leading on which are looking to find out what different audiences need to construct the offer and a bid.  CD will be meeting with Phil Brown in the next week and so an update on the DNA will be provided at the next Council meeting. | **CD**  **CD** |
| **5** | **Craf Cymru**  DN provided an update on Craf Cymru which aims to be a more ambitious and interactive version of Arloesiadur. There is a lot of useful data on the status of innovation in Wales that doesn’t get captured anywhere. RA to speak to Nesta colleagues for a written update on the Arloesiadur review.  DN and CD will be discussing the project with the DME&T. | **RA**  **CD & DN** |
| **6** | **AOB**  PC to send R&D roadmap to JB.  DN & CD to produce content to go on the Business Wales and Welsh Government web pages.  DN & CD noted that the priorities of the Council will shortly feature on the Council’s agenda and in particular, a discussion will be held on what the Council should focus on in the future.  JW suggested a potential new member to join Council - Nick Cook, Manager for Wales at EPSRC.  The date for the next virtual IACW meeting is scheduled for 6-8 weeks. PC to issue date. | **PC**  **CD & DN**  **PC** |