

Public Minutes: SISC Advisory Group Meeting #1

Date: December 9, 2024

Location: Collins Building, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

SISC: Prof Matt Hannon (SISC Director, University of Strathclyde), Dr Jen Roberts (SISC, Deputy Director, University of Strathclyde), Dr Iain Cairns (SISC, Head of Research, University of Strathclyde), Dr Laura Major (SISC, Associate Researcher, University of Strathclyde; Minute Taker)

Advisory Group:

- **In attendance:** Dr Sam Gardner (chair) (Scottish Power), Miriam Brett (acting vice chair) (Future Economy Scotland), Prof Tavis Potts (University of Aberdeen), Dr Mel Rohse (Anglia Ruskin University), Emma Cooper (Scottish Land Commission), Dr Victoria Loughlan (National Wealth Fund), Rachel Searle (Foundation Scotland), Neil McInroy (The Democracy Collaborative), Elizabeth Docherty (Scottish Community Alliance), Rachel Nixseaman (Deciding Matters)
- **Apologies:** Prof Carly McLachlan (Tyndall Centre, University of Manchester), Euan Leitch (SURF, Scotland's Regeneration Forum).

Agenda

<u>Time</u>		<u>Item</u>
12:30	13:00	Lunch
13:00	13.10	1. Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductions
13:10	13.40	2. Providing an overview SISC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vision and objectives - Organisational structure - Milestones and achievements to date - Project showcase and pipeline
13:40	14.00	3. Prioritising next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflections on feedback at launch - Planned activities to address feedback and deliver our vision - What we require to deliver on these priorities
14.00	14.30	Tea and coffee
14:30	15.30	4. Prioritising next steps - discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial reflections - The role and approach of SISC - What (additional) resources or activities are required
15:30	15.50	5. SISC's Advisory Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ways of working - Membership - Dates for next meetings
15:50	16.00	Wrap up & Close

Summary Notes & Actions

Headline messages from the AG

1. Advisory Group (AG) expressed support for SISC's achievements since the project launch.
2. AG advised that the SISC team finesse the scope and vision of the Institute.
3. AG shared concerns about the current lack of administrative support and strongly recommended seeking clarity on this issue with UoS as a priority.
4. AG advised SISC to develop plans to enable responsiveness to emerging opportunities via adding researcher capacity.

Actions

Action	Details	Timeline
1	SISC team to arrange a sub-AG meeting with AG academic members to share experiences and strategies.	Before next AG
2	SISC to work out income profile over the next five years with current projects pipeline and how unreserved match-funds might best be spent.	Before next AG
3	SISC team to develop problem statements that the Institute aims to tackle.	Before next AG
4	SISC team to focus on developing a strategic vision for the Institute and associated scope of activities.	Q1 & Q2 2025.
5	Update AG ToR to reflect broader vision and scope of the Institute, and any AG responsibilities that sit outside contributions to meetings.	Before next AG
6	SISC team to complete website update and communicate via newsletter. AG to read project information to familiarise with SISC project portfolio	Before next AG
7	SISC to confirm future AG dates w. calendar holds.	Before next AG