

Public Minutes: SISC Advisory Group Meeting #2

Date: 2nd April 2025

Location: University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

In attendance:

- **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 and Impact, University of Strathclyde
 - Jan Jasinski - SISC, PhD Associate, University of Strathclyde (Minute Taker)
- **Advisory Group:**
 - Chair - Dr Sam Gardner (Scottish Power)
 - Prof Carly McLachlan - Tyndall Centre, University of Manchester
 - Elizabeth Docherty - Scottish Community Alliance
 - Emma Cooper - Scottish Land Commission
 - Dr Mel Rohse - Anglia Ruskin University
 - Rachel Nixseaman - Deciding Matters
 - Rachel Searle - Foundation Scotland
 - Prof Tavis Potts - University of Aberdeen
 - Dr Victoria Loughlan - National Wealth Fund
- **Apologies:**
 - Euan Leitch - Scotland's Regeneration Forum (SURF)
 - Miriam Brett - Future Economy Scotland
 - Neil McInroy - The Democracy Collaborative

Agenda

Time		Item
9:30	10:00	Tea and Coffee
10:00	10:15	Welcome and updates since last meeting
10:15	11:00	Problem, vision and mission statements • Open session to discuss feedback on draft statements
11:00	11:10	BREAK
11:10	12:10	Identifying and prioritising research priorities • Group work to identify ~ three most pressing research challenges/questions in relation to realising sustainable communities • Group feedback & discussion • Identifying research priorities
12:10	12:15	Close and next steps
12:15	13:00	LUNCH
13:00	15:00	Academic sub-committee meeting

Summary Notes & Actions

Headline messages from the AG

- The Advisory Group reviewed SISC's activities since the last meeting, and positively welcomed developments on two major UKRI-funded projects in which SISC will participate.
- The AG reviewed SISC's draft Problem, Vision, and Mission Statements, as well as the Scope of Work and Action Plan, offering feedback on the draft, and points where further clarity may be required.
- The AG suggested several potential future research priorities for SISC to review.
- The Academic Sub-committee offered valuable points for SISC to reflect on in the context of establishing and growing a research institute.

Actions

Action	Details	Timeline
1	SISC to share with the AG a consolidated set of research challenges, building on the outputs from the AG breakout rooms	By October AG
2	SISC to share with the AG the problem/mission/vision statements, associated objectives and longer-term research institute strategy	By October AG
3	SISC to scope and establish an online platform for the AG to informally share notes	By October AG
4	SISC to explore institute's financial model over the longer term	By October AG
5	SISC to update AG ToRs to reflect broader vision and scope of the Institute and any AG responsibilities that sit outside contributions to meetings	By October AG
6	SISC to complete SISC website update, with ongoing maintenance	By October AG
7	SISC to issue newsletter/news item & associated social media reflecting on SISC's first year of activity	By May 2025