Programme
Research England Engagement Forum, Birmingham
20 February 2019

10:30 – 10:45 Welcome

10:45 – 11:15 Plenary: The policy context for universities in 2019
Presented by David Sweeney, Executive Chair of Research England

11:15 – 11:30 Q&A with David Sweeney

11:30 – 11:45 Break

11:45 – 12:00 Plenary: Universities delivering for the economy
Presented by Joe Marshall, Chief Executive of the National Centre for Universities and Business (NCUB)

12:00 – 12:45 Panel discussion
• How do universities achieve a meaningful interface between research and knowledge exchange?
• Research commercialisation: what are the barriers and incentives?
• Working with SMEs – how can we evidence and value this?

Chaired by Ben Johnson, Associate Director of Insight and Engagement
Panel members: Alice Frost, Director of Knowledge Exchange at Research England, Dean Cook, Head of Regional Engagement at Innovate UK and Joe Marshall

12:45 – 1:45 Lunch

1:45 – 3:15 Facilitated discussions
i) The Place agenda
• How do universities interact with their immediate communities?
• The role of universities in regional and city regeneration
• Getting the most from regional and local clusters via Strength In Places

Facilitated by Rachel Tyrrell, Associate Director of Knowledge Exchange at Research England, with contributions from Dean Cook of Innovate UK and Kevin Richardson, Local Growth Consultant at Research England

ii) The Global agenda
• The wider role of universities to further human knowledge and identify solutions to global problems
• Forming and nurturing equitable partnerships for research to address global challenges
• Global Challenges Research Fund – with examples of good practice from the sector

Facilitated by Steven Hill, Director of Research at Research England with contributions from Vivienne Stern, Director of Universities UK International (UUKi); Jeremy Phillips, Reader in Physical Volcanology at the University of Bristol; David Prior, Director of Research at Falmouth University; and Paula Eves, Research Development & Operations Manager at the University of Lincoln

3:15 – 3:30 Break

3:30 – 4:00 UKRI EU exit update including Q&A
Led by Fiona Armstrong, Deputy Director of Community Engagement at UKRI and Gavin Salisbury, Head of European Funding Policy at UKRI

4:00 Close