The Council

The Council is the University's supreme governing body, responsible for the approval of the mission and strategic vision of the University; monitoring institutional performance against plans and approved KPIs; control of assets; finances, estates and long-term business plans; annual budgets and accounts; oversight of HR policy and employment matters; the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor; ensuring that control and accountability systems for all matters are in place and monitored, including risk assessment and conflict of interest procedures.

The Council annually adopts a Code of Practice on Corporate Governance and Related Procedural Matters (PDF) which sets out the Council's primary responsibilities and provides a foundation for the work of Council and its committees.

Membership 2014/15

The Council has 24 members, two-thirds of who are independent 'lay' members (neither employees nor students of the University). The remainder are academic staff and students.

The Chair of the Council, the Pro-Chancellor, is elected from amongst the lay members. Mr Ed Smith is the current Pro-Chancellor.

The membership of the Council for 2014/15 is:

(Terms of office finish on 31st July unless otherwise stated)

### 16 Lay Members

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<td>Mr Derrick Anderson CBE</td>
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<td>Dame Christine Braddock DBE</td>
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<td>Mr Alan Davey CBE</td>
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<td>Mr David Davies OBE</td>
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<td>Mr Martin Devenish</td>
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<td>Mr Robert Halton</td>
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<td>Mr Malcolm Harbour CBE</td>
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<td>Mr Richard Haywood - Deputy Pro-Chancellor</td>
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<td>Ms Sukhvinder Kaur-Stubbbs</td>
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<td>Mr Richard Keys</td>
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<td>Ms Caragh Merrick - Treasurer</td>
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<td>Dr Norman Price</td>
<td>2015</td>
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<td>Mr Ed Smith - Pro-Chancellor and Chair of Council</td>
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<td>Dr Ranjit Sondhi CBE</td>
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* Term of office expires on 31st August 2018.

### 8 Academic and Student Members

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<td>Professor Sir David Eastwood - The Vice-Chancellor and Principal</td>
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<td>Professor Adam Tickell - Provost and Vice-Principal</td>
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### 4 Academic Staff elected by and from the Academic Staff Members of Senate:

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<td>Professor Kathy Armour - Sport and Exercise Science</td>
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Terms of Reference

Article 7 of the University's Charter (PDF - 98KB) states:

"The supreme governing body of the University shall be the Council and, subject to this Charter, the Statutes of the University and the Law of the Realm, the Council shall have absolute power within the University and shall have the government and control of the finances of the University and of the good order, practical affairs, business and work of the University.

Statutes of the University shall regulate the performance of the duties of the Council, the election and continuance in the office of the members of the Council and delegation of the Council's powers and all other matters relative to the Council which it may be thought are proper to be regulated."

The Powers of Council are summarised in Section 9 of the Statutes (PDF):

1. The Council shall exercise all the powers and authority of the University except to the extent to which the exercise of the same may by the Charter, Statutes and Ordinances be otherwise provided for.
2. All Statutes must be passed by an Ordinary Resolution of the Council. Special notice of the fact that Statutes will be considered and containing a short statement of the nature of the proposed Statutes must be given to members of Council.
3. In accordance with the powers of the University set out in the Charter and subject to the Statutes, the powers of the Council shall include:
   (a) To exercise all such powers as are conferred on the Council by the Charter and Statutes and to carry the University Legislation into effect.
   (b) To make Ordinances and Regulations for any matters in respect of which Ordinances and Regulations are authorised to be made.
   (c) To review and control or disallow any act of the Senate and to give directions to be obeyed by the Senate.
   (d) To select a seal and arms for the University and have to sole custody and use of the seal.
   (e) To prosecute, defend or compromise litigation on behalf of the University.
   (f) To govern, manage and regulate the finances, accounts, investments, property, business and all affairs whatsoever of the University.
   (g) To make contracts on behalf of the University.
   (h) To enter into any financial instrument which is ancillary to the exercise of the Council's investment or borrowing powers.
   (i) To appoint the Auditor.
   (j) To determine the level of fees payable within the University and entitlement to benefits and facilities.
   (k) To borrow or lend money on behalf of the University and for that purpose (if the Council think fit) to mortgage all or any part of the property of the University whether real or personal or give such other security, including by way of guarantee, whether upon such real or personal property or otherwise as the Council think fit.
   (l) To sell, buy, exchange, lease or take leases of the University's real and leasehold estates.
   (m) To provide the buildings, premises, furniture and apparatus and other means needed for carrying on the business of the University.
   (n) To appoint from time to time persons to hold such other full-time or part-time senior managerial, administrative or academic offices or appointments for such term, with such remuneration, upon such conditions as Council may think fit and to designate these offices or appointments with such names or titles as Council shall determine.
   (o) To entertain, adjudicate upon and if thought fit redress the grievances of:
      i. Staff of the University who may for any reason feel aggrieved, except where a member of Staff has followed a procedure which culminates in a review by a committee of Council;
      ii. Registered Students who raise a grievance concerning an issue or issues which, in the opinion of the Registrar and Secretary, concerns matters of University governance, and who have exhausted other internal dispute resolution procedures.
   (p) To appoint advisory boards consisting either wholly or partly of members unconnected with the University, upon such terms and for such purposes as the Council may consider advisable.
   (q) To make standing orders governing the procedure at meetings of the Council, including the power to add to, amend, alter or repeal any theretofore made.
To make an agreement to enter in the formation of a company, or to take shares, or to appoint a member of staff to represent the University as a Director of a private company.

Committees of Council

The four committees of Council are:

- Audit Committee (/university/governance/Council/sub-committees/Audit-Committee.aspx)
- Membership Committee (/university/governance/Council/sub-committees/membership.aspx)
- Remuneration Committee (/university/governance/Council/sub-committees/Remuneration-Committee.aspx)
- Strategy, Planning and Resources Committee (SPRC) (/university/governance/Council/sub-committees/Strategy,-Planning-and-Resources-Committee-.aspx)

Further information about committees can be obtained by contacting the secretary for the committee. The secretary’s contact details can be found on the individual web page for each committee.

Minutes

The Council currently has five business meetings during each academic year. The minutes of meetings are published retrospectively.

Meetings and Minutes:

2nd October 2013 (/Documents/council/councilminutes/2-October-2013-Council-Minutes.pdf)
27th November 2013
4th February 2014
9th April 2014
2nd July 2014

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