

Heads of Chemistry UK Autumn Conference

12 November 2014

Agenda

- 11:30 **1. Introduction and apologies for absence**
Welcome and brief overview of the agenda for the meeting.
- 2. Chair's Business**
- 11:45 **3. Higher education post-2015: funding, opportunities and challenges**
Nick Hillman, Director of the Higher Education Policy Institute, will talk about the funding opportunities and challenges for higher education in the UK.
- 12:30 **4. Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council**
Andrew Bourne, Physical Science Lead at EPSRC, will give an update on EPSRC activities and the outcome the evaluation of their peer review mechanisms.
- 13:00 **Lunch**
- 13:45 **5. Teaching and learning**
Christopher Whitehead, University of Manchester, will chair discussions on supporting university teachers, including parity of esteem, professional recognition and career progression. Examples of best practice are invited. HCUK/1114:02
- 14:30 **6. Royal Society of Chemistry activities**
6.1. Diversity and Inclusion HCUK/1114:03
6.2. Postgraduate funding landscape
- 14:45 **Tea/Coffee**
- 15:10 **7. National Chemical Database Service**
Serin Dabb, Executive Editor for Data at the Royal Society of Chemistry, will talk about the National Chemical Database Service.
- 15:40 **8. Committee matters**
8.1. Minutes and Matters Arising HCUK/0514:99
To **approve** the minutes of the HCUK meeting held on 7th May 2014 and **discuss** any matters arising from them.
8.2. Terms of Reference HCUK/1114:04
To **note** changes to the HCUK terms of reference.
8.3. Finances HCUK/1114:05
To **note** the income and expenditure of HCUK.
- 15:45 **9. Standing Committee**
9.1. Minutes and Matters Arising HCUK(SC)/1014:99
To **note** the minutes of the HCUK Standing Committee meeting held on 15th October 2014 and **discuss** any matters arising from them.
9.2. Membership HCUK/1114:06
To **note** the membership of the HCUK Standing Committee and the proposed format of future elections.
- 10. Dates of Future Meetings**
To **note** the next meetings of the HCUK are scheduled for:
- Wednesday 12 Nov 2014, Chemistry Centre, Burlington House, London
 - Friday 15 May 2015, Chemistry Centre, Burlington House, London
- 16:00 **Close**

Timings are for guidance only.