

## HEADS OF CHEMISTRY UK

Conference of the Heads of Chemistry UK  
**Science Room (Ground Floor), RSC, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London**  
 Wednesday, 12 November 2014 from 11:30-16:00

### AGENDA

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| 11:30 | <b>1. Introduction and apologies for absence</b><br>Welcome and brief overview of the agenda for the meeting.  |  |
|       | <b>2. Chair's Business</b>   |  |
| 11:45 | <b>3. Higher education post-2015: funding, opportunities and challenges</b><br>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 | <b>4. Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council</b><br>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 | <b>Lunch</b>   |  |
| 13:45 | <b>5. Teaching and learning</b><br>Gareth Price, President of the RSC Education Division Council, will chair discussions on supporting university teachers, including parity of esteem, professional recognition and career progression. Examples of best practice are invited.  |  |
| 14:30 | <b>6. Royal Society of Chemistry activities</b><br>6.1. <u>Diversity and Inclusion</u><br>6.2. <u>Postgraduate funding landscape</u>   | HCUK/1114:xx<br>HCUK/1114:xx                     |
| 14:45 | <b>Tea/Coffee</b>  |  |
| 15:10 | <b>7. National Chemical Database Service</b><br>Derek Woollins, University of St Andrews, will talk about the National Chemical Database Service.  |  |
| 15:40 | <b>8. Committee matters</b><br>8.1. <u>Minutes and Matters Arising</u><br>To <b>approve</b> the minutes of the HCUK meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 and <b>discuss</b> any matters arising from them.<br>8.2. <u>Terms of Reference</u><br>To <b>note</b> changes to the HCUK terms of reference.<br>8.3. <u>Finances</u><br>To <b>note</b> the income and expenditure of HCUK. | HCUK/0514:99<br><br>HCUK/1114:xx<br>HCUK/1114:xx |
| 15:50 | <b>9. Standing Committee</b><br>9.1. <u>Minutes and Matters Arising</u><br>To <b>note</b> the minutes of the HCUK Standing Committee meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2014 and <b>discuss</b> any matters arising from them.<br>9.2. <u>Membership</u><br>To <b>note</b> the membership of the HCUK Standing Committee.  | HCUK(SC)/1014:99<br><br>HCUK/1114:xx             |
|       | <b>10. Dates of Future Meetings</b><br>To <b>note</b> the next meetings of the HCUK are scheduled for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 12 Nov 2014, Chemistry Centre, Burlington House, London</li> <li>• Friday 15 May 2015, Chemistry Centre, Burlington House, London</li> </ul>   |  |
| 16:00 | <b>Close</b>   |  |