



A meeting of the University Court will be held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 19 November in the Ustinov Room of the Bonar Hall. The meeting will be preceded from 1.00 – 1.30 pm by a briefing presentation relating to the Tay Cities Deal Projects.

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- Notes:
- (1) *Preliminary matters on which discussion is expected are included in **Part A** of the Agenda. Strategic matters on which discussion is expected are included in **Part B**. Core business matters on which discussion is expected are included in **Part C**. **Part D** comprises other matters for report. At the beginning of the meeting the Chair will give members the opportunity to identify items in **Part D** on which they would wish to comment or ask questions.*
 - (2) *Items indicated as reserved business are to be discussed in closed session by members of Court and appropriate University officers (at the invitation of the Chair).*
 - (3) *Members should declare at the beginning of the meeting, or during the meeting if it becomes appropriate to do so, any pecuniary or other material interest they may have in any matter which is to be discussed by the Court. In cases of doubt, further advice may be obtained from the Secretary of the University (tel. 01382 384006).*

PART A - PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- 1. **RESIGNATION OF THE PRINCIPAL**
To note the resignation of Professor Andrew Atherton as the Principal & Vice-Chancellor of the University, and to consider next steps.
- 2. **MINUTES**
Minutes of the meeting of Court on 5 September 2019 are enclosed for approval. **A**
- 3. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - (1) Action Log
Enclosed for members' information. **B1**
A summary report from the Court Retreat is also enclosed. **B2**
 - (2) Ratification of Changes to Statutes and Ordinances (Minute 10(3))
Noting the approval of the Senate, and minor amendments recommended by the Governance & Nominations Committee, including a small number of consequential changes, the Court is invited to ratify its approval of the amendments as set out in

the enclosed paper, further noting that any amendments to Statutes are subject to the approval of, and any changes required by, the Privy Council. C

(3) Report from the Meeting of the Tay Cities Deal Committee

To consider the decision of the Committee established by the Court on 24 October and, if so minded, homologate the approval made under powers delegated to the Committee that proposals relating to the Tay Cities Deal projects may move to 'Full Deal'. D

PART B – STRATEGIC MATTERS ON WHICH DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED

4. **UNIVERSITY STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION**

The following items have been brought forward for discussion in the context of the implementation of the overarching University Strategy and the Strategy Action Plan and will be preceded by a presentation from the University Executive Group.

(1) **Reserved Business: Financial Sustainability**

Members should note that this item should be considered strictly confidential. The University claims the exemption S.30) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Paper enclosed from the Director of Finance. E1

(2) Estates Strategy

Paper enclosed from the Director of Estates & Campus Services. E2

(3) REF2021 Strategy and Action Plan

The Vice-Principal (Research, Knowledge Exchange & Wider Impact) will speak to the enclosed paper. E3

(4) **Reserved Business: CSU**

Members should note that this item should be considered strictly confidential. The University claims the exemption S.33(3)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

The Vice-Principal (International) will speak to the enclosed paper. E4

PART C – CORE BUSINESS ON WHICH DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT TO COURT**

The Chair will update the Court verbally in relation to his activities at a University and sectoral level.

6. **UNIVERSITY EXECUTIVE GROUP REPORT TO COURT**

Report enclosed. F

7. **CONVENER REPORTS**

Reports enclosed from the conveners of Court committees detailing the strategic business of the committees. G

8. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 JULY 2019**
 - (1) Annual report from the Audit Committee
Report enclosed. **H1**
 - (2) Letter of representation
Enclosed for approval. **H2**
 - (3) Annual report and Financial Statements
Enclosed for approval. **H3**
9. **QUINQUENNIAL REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COURT**
Reports enclosed. **I**
10. **RESERVED BUSINESS: MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE**
Members should note that this item should be considered strictly confidential. The University claims the exemptions under S.38 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

To consider the recommendation from the Panel constituted to oversee the process for the appointment of an external (non-Court) member of the Audit & Risk Committee.
11. **INSTITUTIONAL RISK REGISTER**
Register enclosed for discussion and approval. **K**
12. **ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT ON LEAGUE TABLE PERFORMANCE**
Report enclosed summarising data from league tables in the last 12 months. **L**
13. **REPORT FROM THE CONVENER OF THE SENATE**
Report enclosed. **M**
14. **NARRATIVE FOR SENATE**
To agree the narrative for inclusion in the Court report to the Senate.

PART D - OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT AND APPROVAL

15. **SFC OUTCOME AGREEMENT SELF-EVALUATION REPORT**
Report enclosed. **N**
16. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - (1) Audit & Risk Committee Minutes
 - (i) Minutes of the Committee's meeting on 29 October 2019
Minutes are enclosed for approval. **O1**
 - (ii) **Reserved Business:** Reserved Minutes 4 and 13 of the meeting on 29 October 2019
Members should note that this item should be considered strictly

confidential. The University claims the exemptions S.30(b), 30(c), S.33(1)(b) and S.38 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Minutes are enclosed for approval.

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(2) Finance & Policy Committee Minutes

Minutes from the Committee's Meeting on 21 October 2019 are enclosed for Approval.

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(3) Governance & Nominations Committee Minutes

Minutes from the Committee's meeting on 21 October 2019 are enclosed for approval.

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(4) People & Organisational Development Committee Minutes

Minutes from the Committee's meeting on 31 October 2019 are enclosed for approval.

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(5) Welfare & Ethical use of Animals Committee Minutes

Minutes from the Committee's meeting on 18 July and 16 October 2019 are enclosed for approval.

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17. **REPORT FROM THE SENATUS ACADEMICUS**

Report enclosed.

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18. **STAFF: PROFESSORIAL AND GRADE 10 APPOINTMENTS**

Paper enclosed.

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