

**Key Messages from the Meeting of Council  
on 18 March 2024**

**Strategic Items**

<b>Education Strategy</b>	Council approved the new Education Strategy and held a detailed discussion of the accompanying plans for its implementation.
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**Approvals**

<b>Academic Quality and Standards</b>	Council approved the University's annual degree outcomes statement.
<b>Dean of Lifelong Learning and Professional Development</b>	Council approved the re-appointment of Professor Rene Koglbauer as Dean of Lifelong Learning and Professional Development until 31 July 2029.
<b>Dean of Innovation and Business</b>	Council approved proceeding with the recruitment and appointment of a new Dean of Innovation and Business.

**Reports**

<b>Annual Student Casework Report</b>	Council received the University's annual report, noting that Senate had conducted an in-depth discussion of the issues highlighted within it at its meeting on 28 February 2024.
<b>Vice-Chancellor's Business</b>	Council received updates on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Free Speech and Middle East Conflict</li> <li>▪ Definitions of Discrimination</li> <li>▪ UK-KSA International Institute for Sustainable Energy</li> <li>▪ Health Innovation Neighbourhood</li> <li>▪ Newcastle Helix</li> <li>▪ Voluntary Severance Scheme</li> </ul>
<b>Risk Management</b>	Council confirmed it had received sufficient assurance that risks relating to strategic objectives and enablers were being managed appropriately.
<b>Additional reports considered by Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Finance Committee</li> <li>▪ University-Students' Union Partnership Committee</li> <li>▪ Summary Report from Senate: 28 February 2024</li> </ul>

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