

**Key Messages from the Meeting of Council  
on 1 June 2026**

**Strategic Items**

<b>Risk Management</b>	Council confirmed it had received sufficient assurance that risks relating to strategic objectives and enablers were being managed appropriately.
<b>Transnational Education China</b>	Council received a proposal regarding the establishment of two Joint Education Institutes in China, with Central China Normal University in Wuhan and Southeast University in Nanjing. The proposal to develop two JEIs in China was intended to support several strategic objectives including: attracting a new student demographic for which the University did not currently have access, enhancing the University's brand and market position, diversifying international student recruitment channels and sources of income, and enabling new research and industry collaborations. Detailed financial modelling and scenario analysis had informed the business case, and key risks were detailed along with plans for managing those risks. Council approved the establishment of Joint Education Institutes with Central China Normal University in Wuhan and Southeast University in Nanjing.

**Approvals**

<b>Research Misconduct Policy</b>	Council approved the University's updated Research Misconduct Policy.
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**Reports**

<b>Vice-Chancellor's Business</b>	<p>Council received updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Next Generation Newcastle</li> <li>▪ Office for Students – Freedom of Speech</li> <li>▪ Newcastle Innovations</li> <li>▪ Students' Union Education Awards</li> <li>▪ Newcastle University Awards</li> <li>▪ North East Spinout Inspire Fund</li> <li>▪ Discover Festival 2026</li> <li>▪ University Museums Group</li> <li>▪ Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre</li> <li>▪ Interim Heads of School</li> <li>▪ Castle Leazes</li> <li>▪ Henderson Old Hall</li> <li>▪ Job and Career Opportunities</li> <li>▪ Office for Students – Survey Analysis</li> </ul>
<b>Additional reports considered by Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Summary of the meeting of Senate on 29 April 2026</li> <li>▪ Report from Finance Committee</li> </ul>