

UNIVERSITY BOARD FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

21/01 A meeting of the University Board for Research and Innovation was held on Tuesday 26 January 2021 at 9am on Microsoft Teams.

Present

Dominik Zaum, Pro-Vice Chancellor

21/08 European Centre for Medium-range Weather Forecasting (ECMWF) [item 6c]

The Board received a verbal update on the ECMWF. The ECMWF Council had made the Brexit-influenced decision to relocate Copernicus and EU-related part of its activities to Bonn. The UK Government had renewed its commitment for the ECMWF headquarters and associated core research activities to be located at the University's Whiteknights campus.

Recognising that ECMWF constituted a core research partner at the University, the University Committee for Research and Innovation had agreed to fund a 0.1FTE Director of ECMWF collaboration role from the Research Endowment Trust Fund to facilitate collaborative research. In addition, the Board noted that the Graduate School had agreed to support two Studentships and that there might be RETF pump-priming funds available.

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