February 2020: Update from Court Reform Steering Group

This was the final scheduled meeting of the CRSG.

Court 2019 Event Feedback

Feedback on Court 2019 was received from a range of sources including Slido on the day and an online survey post-Court. There was a high volume of positive verbal feedback on the day from attendees with existing members drawing glowing comparisons with the old-style Court. The following feedback and actions were highlighted:

- Responses to the speakers were generally favourable and thorough speaker briefings in future should help manage timings.
- Ensuring a balance between staff and external representatives
- Consider whether the Chair's Report and Annual Accounts could be circulated rather than spoken to and establish if the remaining formal parts of Court could be adapted if desired.
- A suggestion that a student speaker talk about their experience at the University and how it has helped their future career, or that a case study on a theme be presented.
- Diversity monitoring of court membership to be carried out

Workshop Review

Agreed to identify internal stakeholders to whom the workshop outputs should be circulated. In particular the Group noted the issue of Student Living which had featured prominently in the outputs and the opportunities for greater engagement with the city. It was also emphasised that the global element of civic should be remembered.

It was agreed that there was a real opportunity to continue to learn from the City and the community, by inviting Court members to events planned by the Temple Quarter and Public Engagement Teams.

Court would be updated periodically on activity and developments, with engagement opportunities and news provided between formal annual meetings. Each annual meeting would receive a report on progress made and action taken since the last meeting.

Themes for Court 2020

Attendees suggested a range of future themes for Court meetings including Engagement & Collaboration, Sustainability, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI), the Civic University (again) and Wellbeing.