

## **Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body**

### **2024-25**

#### **Committee purpose**

The requirements for AWERB are described in the Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (ASPA), Amendment Regulations 2012. It addresses animal welfare, 3R's and facilities, communication and engagement strategy, reporting & measurement, plus risk management & security issues.

All academic committees operate in accordance with the University's governing documents – Charter, Statutes and Regulations – and the Public Interest Governance Principles.

#### **Proposed membership**

- Chair (appointed by the PVC Research & Innovation for a term of 3 years plus 2 years upon renewal and mutual agreement)
- Holder of the Establishment Licence
- Named Veterinary Surgeon
- Named Animal Care & Welfare Officer(s)
- Named Training and Competency Officer (NTCO)
- Named Information Officer (NIO)
- Two lay members, at least one of whom should have no responsibility under the Act
- One representative of the Project Licence Holders
- One representative of the Personal Licence Holders
- One representative of the Ancillary Unit User Group
- One representative from the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Medicine.

#### **Terms of Reference**

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##### **Key Role**

- a) To follow the development and outcome of projects carried out at the University, taking into account the effects on the animals used by considering mid-term and retrospective reviews of all Personal Project Licences.
- b) To receive updates on matters related to animal welfare, in relation to animal acquisition, accommodation, care and use.
- c) To promote awareness and development of animal welfare and the 3Rs (Reduction, Refinement, and Replacement) by recommending regular symposiums and other activities.
- d) To promote a 'culture of care' within the establishment and, as appropriate, in the wider community, including considering any public relations issues relating to the use of animals by the University.
- e) To receive and approve updates on Standard Operating Procedures and policies relating to work performed in the Biomedical Research Facility.

- f) To receive updates on facility issues/projects within the Biomedical Research Facility ensuring that good standards of care and accommodation are achieved.
- g) To support named persons, and other staff dealing with animals, on animal welfare, and receive an annual report on re-homing progress.
- h) To consider any matters raised by Project Licensees, or other persons whether internal or external to the University, regarding the use of animals by the University.
- i) Any annual reports should also be circulated for information to all Project Licence Holders (who should discuss the Report with their staff as appropriate), the Biomedical Research Facility Management Board and the Biomedical Research Facility User Group.