



SSAC Update Report – May 2019

The SSAC provides independent advice, through its Chair, to the Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) for Scotland, to inform policy development and delivery across all areas of the Scottish Government's work. It typically develops advice on a medium to long term basis, advising on developments in science and technology and their implications for policy and identifying potential future opportunities and threats.

Chaired by Professor Paul Boyle, the SSAC currently has 12 other members, including the Scottish Government's Chief Scientific Advisers, all of whom are ex-officio members: Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) for Scotland Professor Sheila Rowan, Professor David Crossman, the Chief Scientist (Health) and Professor Andrew Millar, CSA Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The SSAC issues a short report following each quarterly meeting to provide an update on its latest work streams and areas of interest. The SSAC held its last meeting at the Scottish Government offices in Glasgow on 24 April 2019.

SSAC WORKSTREAMS

- ✚ A briefing note on 'Open Research – How data sharing can advance scientific impact in Scotland' will be published in June 2019. This briefing note focuses on open data, its potential to enhance the impact of research, and how Scotland can contribute to and benefit from data sharing.
- ✚ The SSAC's report on Cyber Resilience, commissioned by the Scottish Government (SG) Cyber Resilience Unit, will also be published in June 2019. This horizon scanning report looks ahead up to 2050 and considers likely key technological advances based on current research directions, and sets out some conclusions to inform Scottish Government work on cyber resilience.
- ✚ A number of briefing notes on other topics are currently being scoped and progressed.

OTHER NEWS

- ✚ A recruitment campaign for a new Chair and members of the SSAC recruitment will be launched in June, with a view to new members being appointed by December 2019.

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