



## SSAC Update Report – September 2018

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 eight other members, including the Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) for Scotland, Professor Sheila Rowan, and Professor David Crossman, the Chief Scientist (Health).

SSAC issues a short report following each quarterly meeting to provide an update on their latest workstreams and areas of interest. The SSAC held its last meeting at the Scottish Government's Atlantic Quay office, Glasgow on 12 September 2018.

### SSAC WORKSTREAMS

✚ The following pieces of work are being finalised:

- A briefing note on 'Open Science'.
- Horizon-scanning project on Cyber Resilience, commissioned by the Scottish Government (SG) Cyber Resilience Unit.
- Draft recommendations from a project on 'The Future of Human Genomic Medicine' (commissioned by the Chief Scientist (Health) Office) were presented at a conference on Precision Medicine on 10 September. The final report is expected to be published by the end of October.
- The report on 'Scotland's Science Landscape', commissioned from Elsevier is being finalised.

✚ A number of briefing notes on other topics are currently being scoped and are at an early stage of development. The SSAC is also in touch with the Royal Society of Edinburgh on its Energy Inquiry.

### OTHER NEWS

#### Members

✚ Professor Andrew Millar of the University of Edinburgh was announced on 28 September as the Scottish Government's new Chief Scientific Adviser for Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture - ex officio member of the SSAC.

✚ The SSAC campaign is recruiting up to ten new members. The SSAC is seeking members from a diverse range of scientific areas in order to support the Scottish

Government's broad policy remit. Further details along with an application pack can be found on the SSAC website: <http://scottishscience.org.uk/news>

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