The group changed their name to the library purchasing coordination group to reflect their revised terms of reference which were agreed.

The initial term of one year for the chair had expired. The group agreed to extend the chairs term for a further year as permitted by the terms of reference.

The group’s information will be displayed on the Jisc website along with that of the other strategic groups.

The purchasing consortia will consider how to promote the groups work and share information with the library groups.

The group heard details of the consortia’s negotiations and planning. The SUPC books framework will renew in May 2021 and increasing flexibility will be a key component especially for e-textbooks. APUC’s new LMS framework for IT and library procurement is now open to the whole of the UK. The next joint meeting in June will focus on data analytics and follow up on Spend 360.

Jisc confirmed that the Wiley proposal for transformative agreements has been accepted by the sector and will commence on 01/03/20. This reduces spend by over 2 million pounds and will increase articles being published in OA to 70-80% in one year.

The group discussed e-textbook preservation provision and requirements identifying the challenges faced in this area when publishers or aggregators go out of business. Some potential solutions were identified and the group agreed to set up a task and finish group to move this matter forward.

The group discussed the procurement perspective on transformative agreements including how the broader movement to an OA model will impact on subscription agents. The group will invite agents to attend future meetings and provide information on their plans in relation to the transition to OA and their sustainability. Questions about plans for e-textbook preservation can also be asked of the agents.

The groups are aware of the News Corporation case and the decision relating to the application of 0% VAT. There are various implication of this, and also it is possible that HMRC will appeal. The group will share information and guidance on this with group members.