This was the first meeting of the group and all members introduced themselves providing details of their roles.

Daniel Wake, policy manager for Universities UK (UUK) presented on the sector strategic context and it was noted that this group principles aligned with UUK’s priorities.

Liam Earney then presented on Jisc’s strategic context noting that software negotiations are taking place within an increasingly complex environment. A collective approach will strengthen negotiations and respond to the financial challenges facing institutions.

The next step is for the group to consider what they are looking to achieve so that Jisc can support the sector in these aims.

The group reviewed their draft terms of reference and agreed some changes to these. The terms of reference are published on the web page.

The group then considered what items they would address in future. Items would include developing a set of conditions of satisfaction, engaging with the sector and collating data to consider which suppliers to engage with first.

The group were updated on some ongoing Jisc negotiations.