Ann Rossiter provided an update following the Ebooks stakeholder meeting which was organised by SCONUL. The grouping will work together to seek change and provide a clear message for publishers and stakeholders. Papers will be shared across the sector and with publishers to set out this message.

Caren Milloy confirmed that Jisc are renewing their agreements with Kortext and BibliU but have removed the complete option. There are also negotiations for other content and with other providers. Jisc continue to review their model licences ensuring all terms that protect institutions and students are captured. Jisc are continuing work on their briefing papers (which are some of those due to be shared) including providing a glossary of learning and teaching language.

Gary Steele confirmed that APUC/SHEDL are finalising their agreement with Sage and that SHEDL’s learning content group have been involved with this.

Gavin Phillips confirmed that SUPC issued their tender on 30/06/21 with a deadline for responses of 18/08/21. The evaluation is being planned.

The group discussed the sector’s evidence base for learning content and agreed several actions. All stakeholders can contribute and it will be co-ordinated by Jisc’s learning content group. The learning content group will also carry out scenario planning around market forces and consolidation to address medium and longer term possibilities.

Caren Milloy confirmed that the second Elsevier proposal has been received and will be evaluated.

Caren Milloy provided an update on VAT for read and publish agreements. Jisc have guidelines in place for VAT to ensure that this is discussed early on in their agreements.

The group will next meet in October or early November with the date due to be set.