The Library director and PVC-R group members terms of office had been extended in accordance with the group’s terms of reference. These were shared with the group.

Jisc presented the feedback from the sector consultation on the seventh Elsevier proposal. Based on this Jisc put forward the following recommendation to the group; ‘Proceed to contract negotiation under a 3 + 1 term with review in year 2 and prepare to renegotiate end of year 3 if service levels not met’. The group approved the recommendation.

Rights retention is not included within the contract and discussions will continue outside the agreement. Institutions and authors are adopting rights retention strategies and getting agreements that do not curtail the use of rights retention will be important if there are not compliant routes for all journals including excluded journals within TAs.

Jisc confirmed that the agreement will be made available publicly and Elsevier has agreed to work with Jisc’s transitional agreements oversight group.

The group considered their negotiation priorities.

The group were updated on the SpringerNature negotiations.

Daniel Wake of UUK presented on research priorities. The work of this group overlaps with UUK’s research priorities confirming that this group supports the sector strategically. While discussions have focused on OA, UUK support open science and open research culture more generally. The group spoke about larger companies, their integration into the research cycle and their impact.

The group agreed a change to their remit and membership to allow them to support a learning content expert group, in addition to the existing content expert group.