This was the inaugural meeting of the Jisc Library Strategy Advisory Group, established to act as forum for voices across the sector.

Proceedings began with members sharing their reflections on positive outcomes emerging from the difficult period of the pandemic. Several areas of commonality emerged such as greater collaboration, risk taking and the raised profile of the library within institutions.

Terms of Reference and working principles were discussed. It was agreed that the group would provide strategic governance for Library Hub services and act as a forum for strategic issues of relevance to Jisc and its library partners, recognising the diversity of interests, relationships, and responsibilities across the institution. The group will have a diverse membership reflecting the range of institutions Jisc works with. Transparency and tangible outputs will be essential elements for success. The approved Terms of Reference are available here.

The importance of engagement with other stakeholder groups was acknowledged and the ambition to interact around themes of common interest was endorsed.

Liam Earney provided context for the new group through an update on how Jisc has evolved as an organisation, its sector engagement strategy, and the strong history of collaboration between the Digital Resources directorate and the academic library sector.

Following this, members discussed key themes in a three-year horizon workshop, in order to begin the process of identifying priorities for the work of the group. Outputs were collated to be discussed at the next meeting.