The group discussed the latest Elsevier proposal which was due to go to the sector for consultation. There was positive feedback from the group for what the negotiations had achieved. The group acknowledged the sector requirements were evolving and there will need to be sector wide discussions around rights retention, coauthors, and VAT.

The group were updated on the negotiations with Springer Nature.

The group endorsed the interim proposal from Wiley.

There was a detailed discussion about the draft requirements for transformative journals, which received several revisions to address the need for alignment and to drive best value for money. These requirements should build on the work of this group and the other Jisc strategic groups. Requirements are often reviewed annually but can be updated as appropriate including in response to changes, activities, policies etc or after work around the sector’s vision.