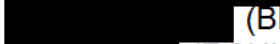
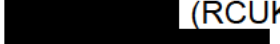
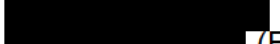
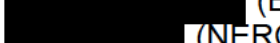
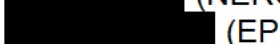
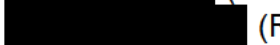
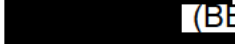
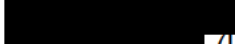
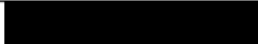
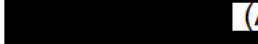


Summary of discussion, decisions and actions from the Research Careers Network meeting on Tuesday 5th September 2017

Attendees (Swindon)	 (STFC)  (BBSRC) (Co-Chair)  (RCUK ED) (Secretariat)  (Innovate UK)  (ESRC) (Co-Chair)  (NERC)  (EPSRC)  (RCUK ED) (Secretariat)  (on behalf of ) (MRC) – on phone  (AHRC)
Guests	 (HEFCE)  (BBSRC) – Item 2  (UKRI)  (UKRI)
Apologies	 (RCUK ED)  (AHRC)  (MRC)

Summary of discussion	Decisions	Actions
Item 1: Minutes, actions and matters arising		
█████ welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting (25th July) were reviewed and approved.		

Summary of discussion	Decisions	Actions
Item 3: Annual Stipend Uplift, London Weighting and Tuition Fees		
█████ introduced this item and noted that the process for this year's uplift had changed slightly. Due to the transition to UKRI, there are a number of internal groups that need sight of the proposed uplift before	Members accepted the handovers noted in the paper and approved the information paper to be submitted to	█████ to amend paper to focus on Stipend Uplift only and circulate to groups for

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the shadow UKRI Design and Delivery sub-board approve the uplift in December 2017. ████ introduced the London Weighting item and noted that there were a number of areas that needed further discussion before a decision could be made. ████ confirmed that previous evidence gathering had been undertaken and concluded that the London Weighting figures are consistent with that offered by other funders. The group noted it would be beneficial to find out what the London weighting element of QR was and █████ confirmed she would obtain this information and circulate to the group. The group felt that they have not had significant pressure from institutions that they are having difficulties with recruitment etc. due to the lack of provision for London Weighting and that institutions do have flexibility to offer higher stipends if required. The group did agree that further analysis and discussions on this topic would be needed but that this should be undertaken once UKRI is established. In relation to the Tuition fees item, the group noted that some changes to the text should be made, just to reiterate the position on payment of tuition fees.	the next RISAB meeting. The item of London weighting would need further review and consideration over the next year, once UKRI is established. It was agreed that the projects within the paper would be separated – with the Annual Uplift business as usual element and the amendment to the RCUK Training Grant guide being taken forward immediately.	information. ████ to circulate information on London weighting element of QR. ████ to work with █████ and █████ to amend text and update the RCUK Training Grant Guide.