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14 April 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2025/00365

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 1 April in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Please can you supply minutes for all of the Research England council meetings held in 2024

I understand Research England held meetings in November and September <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/research-england/how-we-are-governed/> but the latest available summary concerns a meeting in February 2023.

Would it be possible to receive all of the minutes/summaries of council meetings held in the calendar year 2024

Our response:

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) holds information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

The information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under Section 22(1) of the FOIA as it is intended for future publication. Section 22 is a qualified exemption meaning that it is subject to the public interest test.

UKRI understand that being transparent in regard to the publishing of board minutes is in the public interest. However, we consider that premature release would put undue pressure on UKRI to publish outside of our currently scheduled timeframes which would lead to a disproportionate burden on existing resources and the organisation. This would not be in the public interest.

To explain further, Research England have confirmed that they are in the process of moving from publishing council meeting summaries to council meeting minutes. The intention is to make these available for all outstanding council meetings by early May 2025.

We have therefore determined that the outcome of this test is that the public interest is insufficient to justify immediate disclosure. It is anticipated that these will be available from <http://ukri.org/publications/research-england-council-meeting-minutes>.

If you have any queries regarding our response please do let us know. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, explaining which elements of this decision you disagree with and why. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of our response and should be addressed to:

Head of Information Governance
Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: www.ico.org.uk.

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see [UKRI's complaints procedure](#)¹.

Yours sincerely,


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¹ <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>