

## Governance Review Update 1:

The Report of the Independent Review Panel was submitted to the University at the beginning of September 2014 and has since been considered by the General Board and published on the University website <http://www.cam.ac.uk/research/research-at-cambridge/animal-research>. In total the Review Panel made nineteen Recommendations to the General Board (Section 9 of the Report) and the General Board has accepted these recommendations in principle. The University will take forward the recommendations, establishing how each recommendation will be managed and implemented by specific groups, and the timescale by which this process will be achieved.

The independent Review of the governance of the production, care and use of animals for experimental and other scientific purposes was commissioned by the General Board of the University of Cambridge to:

- Enable the University to better understand its strengths and weaknesses.
- Make recommendations to strengthen as required the current governance systems and frameworks.
- Assist with planning governance systems consistent with future improvements to the facilities provided for animal research in the University.

The key areas under review were:

- Overall Governance Framework & Structure
- Management Structures
- Animal Welfare & Ethical Review Body (AWERB)
- Named Persons
- Animal Accommodation, Care and Use
- Staffing
- Communications

Recommendations were made in each of these areas and four Working Groups have been established to concentrate on managing the implementation of these recommendations:

- 1 – Structure, Governance & Communications
- 2 – Operational Management
- 3 – AWERB & Licensee Training
- 4 – Staffing, Career Development, Facilities, Communications & Named Persons

We would envisage that those recommendations regarding the overarching governance and operational management structure will be implemented by October 2015