The following topics were raised and discussed:

1. Guest – Emily Gow from the Social Science Impact Accelerator
   a. ESRC grant for 5 years (until 2028) to support staff and PGR impact work in social sciences (i.e., initiatives that have an impact outside academia).
   b. Training and events available:
      i. 15 April – Writing for non-academic audiences
      ii. Placements (1-3 months) – Deadline for application: 12 June
      iii. Public Engagement Bursaries – next deadline in September. The 1st recipient is Courtney Hooton.
      iv. 19 October to 9 November – ESRC Festival of Social Science. Deadline for applications: 12 June

2. Guest – Alice Goode from the Accessibility and Inclusion Hub

3. Payment for marking update
   a. Discussions are ongoing.
   b. Dawn Watling has joined the anti-casualisation working group to remove discrepancies and ensure transparency.
   c. We are aiming to provide solutions by the start of the next academic year.

4. PGR space within the Department of Politics and International Relations
   a. Resources to build a new space are being explored.
   b. The discussions about the space are continuing to ensure this is fit for purpose.

5. Update on the Doctoral School Research Awards
   a. We awarded 26 of the 24 applications received