



**Note of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Physical Sciences & Engineering Advisory Panel held on 13 February 2020**

- STFC provided an update on the international facilities
  - The ESRF Director General would be visiting STFC in March 2020 and panel members suggested some topics that could be discussed at this meeting
  - The panel expressed disappointment with the ministerial decision for the UK not to join the ELI ERIC. However, ELI had stated that users from non-member states would be able to access the facility
  - Panel members raised concerns on the ILL and ISIS facilities scheduling parallel long shutdowns during 2021. The possibility of a travel fund for users to access other international neutron facilities would be suggested to Science Board
- An update was provided on the work of STFC's Strategy, Planning and Communications Directorate. The panel discussed how the UK could stay internationally leading following its exit from the EU. It was noted UK applicants to positions at international facilities could face obstacles such as needing to acquire visas as non-EU citizens
- The panel received a presentation on laser targetry and the work of CLF's target fabrication facility. This was followed by a presentation on the management of sample environment at ISIS. The panel noted that the areas of targetry and sample environment are both key enabling capabilities for facility users and should be highlighted when the panel provided feedback to Science Board.
- The panel received a presentation on Diamond Light Source and an update on the Diamond II proposal, after which the panel members were given a tour of Diamond Light Source