

Summary of the 369th meeting of the Acas Council on Thursday 28th January 2016 in room G.1, Fleetbank House, 2-6 Salisbury Square, London, EC4Y 8JX.

Council members present:

Brendan Barber (Chair)
 Linda Dickens
 Jane McNeill
 Michael Gooddie
 Neil Carberry
 Paul Nowak
 Paul Willman
 Mary Bousted

Agenda Item	Outcome
Apologies and introductions	Apologies were received from Council members Vikki Hawes, Paul Butler, John Hannett and Sally Hunt.
Minutes of the 368th Council meeting	The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed and agreed.
Matters arising from the minutes	Council noted all actions from previous meetings were complete.
Chief Executive's report to Council	<p>The Acas Chief Executive presented her standing report on operational performance and internal matters.</p> <p>Council agreed to consider an Acas response to Lord Justice Briggs' interim report on Civil Courts Structure.</p>
Acas Strategy 2016 - 2021	<p>Following the Council Strategic Review day in November, officials presented on the progress of the organisation's Strategy for 2016-2021.</p> <p>Council welcomed the draft Strategy and its external and customer focus, noting that it would provide a clear direction for the organisation in the upcoming years.</p>

	The Strategy will be presented for Council endorsement at its March meeting.
Scotland Update	The Acas Regional Director for Scotland provided Council with an update on Acas' operations in Scotland. Council welcomed the regional overview of Acas activity.
Chief Conciliator's brief	The deputy Chief Conciliator gave an oral update to Council on collective disputes and Acas involvement.
Minutes of the December 2015 Audit Committee meeting	Council noted the minutes of the December 2015 Audit Committee meeting.
Balanced Scorecard and Strategic Risk Register - Quarter 3 2015/16	Council noted positive performance across all Acas operational services. The Risk Register was also noted by Council.
AOB	No further business was discussed.