**Public Benefit statement**

The members of Board of Governors serve as trustees, and in setting our mission and strategy have due regard to the Charity Commission’s public benefit guidance.

The charitable purpose of the University is the advancement of education for the public benefit. The Governors have regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public interest. A full list of activities relating to public interest are outlined on pages 14 to 72 of the financial statements for 2020/21.

Our students learn through activities and through experience, by doing, making and analysing. We foster innovation, encouraging our students to be creative and curious. They apply their advanced knowledge and skills to real-world and work-based projects that benefit society, the professions and business. Learning this way, our students develop the skills, behaviours and attitudes that they will use as change-makers and which employers want and need.

We create new knowledge which we and others put into action to further our University’s purpose, benefiting society and the economy, the environment, enhancing health and wellbeing and enriching culture and communities. In research and knowledge exchange we foster interdisciplinary work, designing for impact.

Our research and engagement create impact in the public realm, improving equality, diversity and inclusion. We contribute to improvements in vital issues concerning social justice, culture, health, sustainability and prosperity, where it is imperative to undertake excellent research, using cutting-edge methods and working across boundaries to achieve outcomes which are genuinely inclusive in their impact.

We are committed to engaging with society and excelling in collaboration. We bring together practitioners, academics and professional services with students and alumni to engage with individuals and organisations. We work with communities, businesses, policymakers and the public to tackle complex problems and create solutions. We create collaborative advantage aligned with our integrating themes, in support of education, research and knowledge exchange, and our civic role, whether on a local or global scale.