1. Welcome, Apologies for Absence and Conflicts of Interest

1.1. The Chair welcomed members to the meeting of Council.

1.2. Apologies for absence were received from Mr Andrew Ball, Ms Dawn Ohlson, Mr Mike Prewett, Mr David Sales, Dr Kate Sugden, Dr Christopher To and Dr Darren Williams.

1.3. The Chair reminded the members of Council of the requirement to state any conflicts of interest that were pertinent to their contributions to the Council meeting. No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. World Café Discussion

2.1. Dr Ward introduced and Council noted a draft report on the World Café session held at the June 2019 Council meeting regarding Climate Change and the implications for human-created consumption of energy and material resources (CO(19)23).
2.2. It was agreed that the report should be finalised when the missing section on “helping professional engineers to address the minimisation of energy consumption and reduce related inefficiencies” was available and that it should be referred to the Board of Trustees.

3. **Matters for Discussion**

3.1. Dr Evans introduced and Council noted a report on the proposed response by Council to the recent Governance Review (CO(19)24).

3.2. Professor Phillips suggested that the report should state more explicitly that it was a response to the Final Report on the Governance Review of the IET undertaken by Crowe LLP in 2019.

3.3. Mr Hogan commented on the reference to silo working in the report and his perception that silo working characterised the activities of the three Main Boards and Council.

3.4. Mr Davis suggested that the forthcoming meeting of the Council Agenda Teams for the current and next Session should discuss whether silo working was an issue that Council should discuss during the next Session.

3.5. Ms Hurst queried whether the ongoing concerns about the operation and value of Council would be addressed sufficiently by changes to the induction of new Council members.

3.6. Following discussion, it was agreed to refer the report to the Board of Trustees.

3.7. Professor Phillips introduced and Council noted a report on the Council discussion of the Member Value Proposition (CO(19)25). It was agreed to refer the report to the Board of Trustees.

3.8. Mr Davis introduced and Council noted a report on his proposal for a Fifty Year Strategy (CO(19)26).

3.9. Professor Phillips commented that fifty years seemed to be the correct timescale for this issue.

3.10. Dr Evans suggested that the Chair-elect should discuss the proposal with the President-elect before it was considered by the Board of Trustees.

3.11. Mr Hogan commented that it was not clear from the paper how the proposed activity would relate to the existing Trustee-led strategy activities.

3.12. Dr Cepeda Lopez suggested that the paper should propose a broader definition of strategy.

3.13. Ms Hurst suggested that the proposal might be more acceptable to the Board of Trustees if it was amended to fit with the current practice whereby strategy was a Trustee-led activity and the responsibility of the Board of Trustees.

3.14. Mr Wilson commented that the paper proposed that the Fifty Year Strategy be managed by Council through a standing committee, however, this would conflict with the current terms of reference of Council, which had no executive duties and was tasked only with providing strategic advice to the Board of Trustees.

3.15. Following discussion, it was agreed that the paper should be revised and discussed further by members of Council on Yammer.
4. **Council Champions**

4.1. The Chair invited each of the Council Champions to make a brief oral report.

4.2. Miss Ho gave a brief oral report as Champion for Globalisation and commented on her discussions with staff in the Knowledge Services and Solutions Directorate.

4.3. Mr Ratcliff gave a brief oral report as Champion for Digitisation. He spoke in favour of the continued use of Yammer.

4.4. Dr Cepeda Lopez gave a brief oral report as Champion for Strategy and Sustainability. He suggested that Council should consider setting a Working Party to monitor actions taken in response to Council’s proposals.

4.5. Dr Ward commented that the newly-elected Council Agenda Team for the next Session would include members who sat on each of the three Main Boards.

5. **Annual Report and Accounts**

Professor Phillips drew attention to his comments about the Annual Report and Accounts on Yammer and suggested that Council members should discuss the Report each year, as stated in the Council Regulations.

6. **Close**

The Chair closed the first part of the meeting and explained that it would resume at 19.00 hrs (BST).

7. **Welcome and Conflicts of Interest**

7.1. The meeting resumed at 19.00 hrs (BST) following a break of five hours.

7.2. The Chair welcomed members joining the second part of the meeting of Council.

7.3. The Chair reminded the members of Council of the requirement to state any conflicts of interest that were pertinent to their contributions to the Council meeting. No conflicts of interest were declared.

8. **World Café Discussion**

8.1. Dr Ward introduced and Council noted a draft report on the World Café session held at the June 2019 Council meeting regarding Climate Change and the implications for human-created consumption of energy and material resources (CO(19)23).

8.2. It was agreed that the report should be finalised when the missing section on “helping professional engineers to address the minimisation of energy consumption and reduce related inefficiencies” was available and that it should be referred to the Board of Trustees.

9. **Matters for Discussion**

9.1. Dr Evans introduced and Council noted a report on the proposed response by Council to the recent Governance Review (CO(19)24). It was agreed to refer the report to the Board of Trustees.

9.2. Mr Davis introduced and Council noted a report on the Council discussion of the Member Value Proposition (CO(19)25). It was agreed to refer the report to the Board of Trustees.
9.3. Mr Davis introduced and Council noted a report on his proposal for a Fifty Year Strategy (CO(19)26).

9.4. Miss Hutty suggested that consideration should be given to positioning the proposed activity outside of both the Board of Trustees and Council and commented on the difficulty of ensuring that the proposed Working Party would have all necessary expertise.

9.5. Dr Needham commented that the proposal activity would address the issue of how to create a legacy for Council members.

9.6. Following discussion, it was agreed that the paper should be revised and discussed further by members of Council on Yammer.

10. Council Champions

10.1. Mr Davis commented on the oral reports by the Council Champions during the first part of the meeting.

10.2. Dr Ward commented that the newly-elected Council Agenda Team for the next Session would include members who sat on each of the three Main Boards.

10.3. Dr Needham commented that it might be more effective to have a smaller number of discussion topics and Council Champions each Session. He suggested the Promotion of Engineering as a possible discussion topic for the next Session.

11. Outcomes from Council Proposals

11.1. Mr Davis suggested that it might be helpful for Council to receive a paper summarising the outcomes from its proposals made to the Board of Trustees over the past year.

11.2. Mr Wilson commented that the content of such a report could be used in composing the annual report from Council to the Annual General Meeting.

12. Dates of Next Meetings

12.1. Thursday, 3 October 2019 at 15.00 hrs, at Savoy Place, London WC2.

12.2. Thursday, 1 March 2020 at 15.00 hrs, at Savoy Place, London WC2.

12.3. Thursday, 4 June 2020 at 15.00 hrs, at Savoy Place, London WC2.