

NPAP Chair's Introduction to the Community Forum on 8 May 2024

A. On 20 March, the work on the 10-year plan began with the [STFC open meeting](#) with the community, which laid down the **principles of the exercise**, followed by the NPAP's call for submission of one-page contributions with:

- a. Physics case and goals.
- b. Sketch of the budget line.
- c. Draft of the timeline.
- d. Key decision points, if known.
- e. Any other info you deem useful.

B. On 10 April, the Science Board chair [Keith Grainge in his presentation](#) during the Town Meeting held within the IOP2024 conference **laid down details** of the 10-year plan:

- Overall goal is to produce prioritized Strategic Roadmap
 - In the context of the PPAN programme budget
 - Not a Balance of Programmes & not a Programmatic Review
- Long-term prioritized roadmap needed & has been lacking
- Will frame future decision making, enable strategic approach to funding
 - Balance of exploitation, M&O, development projects and R&D etc.
 - Balance of projects small/medium/large
 - Support pipelines e.g., skills, technology, funding etc.

“A balanced programme of excellent science across the PPAN research areas over a 10-year timeframe, within a realistic financial planning envelope”

C. By 1 May, we had received 36 one-page contributions, which demonstrated an **ambitious vision** of the community with a very high potential for building a streamlined set of projects to become a part of the STFC 20204 NP Roadmap. The NP Roadmap will feed into the PPAN Roadmap.

D. On 2 May, NPAP & Forum Organisers (with advice taken from members of SB) prepared the agenda of today's meeting by selecting the principal headline submissions along with assembling similar submissions into 14 ten-minute presentations we are going to hear today. We apologize to other contributors whose presentations will be scheduled in the follow-up meeting.

E. The time frame for submission of the NP Roadmap to the Science Board is extremely tight. With the deadline of the **middle of June**, NPAP would like to send the complete draft for comments from the community by 1 June. Therefore, we propose to hold a follow-up online-only meeting on **Wednesday 15 May**, at which remaining submissions will be discussed along with first attempts at shaping focussed and coherent roadmap submissions from the NS, NA, and HP communities. Another such meeting may be scheduled for **Wednesday 22 May**.

F. Beginning with this meeting, we are about to change, I hope, the collaborative culture of the community, by **collaboration replacing the competition** between the groups being part and parcel of the consolidated grant scheme. The 10-year plan allows the community **to be proactive** instead of being reactive to the predefined funding programme(s).

The community has laid down their scientific dreams, opportunities, and needs. The time has come to forge them into a **focused consistent plan**. This meeting is poised to address a few key questions:

- How can we pick a few physics-oriented, fascinating, and competitive research directions?
- How can we best communicate them to the PPAN community and show united support?

I am looking forward to seeing this process unfold during the month of intense work that lies ahead of us.