

COUNCIL: 6 JULY 2026**REPORTED BUSINESS**1. Chair of Council's Action

On 8 June 2026, the Chair of Council took Chair's action on behalf of Council to approve the new clinical academic salary scales for England with effect from 1 April 2026.

2. Deaths

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| 17 June 2026 | Barbara Durkacz. Barbara joined the University in 1984 and worked as Chair of Experimental Cancer Therapeutics until her retirement in 2010. Barbara passed away peacefully following a long battle with primary lateral sclerosis, leaving behind family, friends, and colleagues who will remember her for her warmth, kindness, and dedication. |
| 30 May 2026 | Professor James Robertson Graeme Wright CBE. Professor Wright served as Vice-Chancellor from 1992 to 2000, during a period of significant development for the University. A distinguished classicist, educated at Inverness Royal Academy, the High School of Dundee and the University of Edinburgh, he held senior roles at Edinburgh and Cambridge prior to his appointment at Newcastle. In retirement he was a Trustee of the National Heritage Memorial Fund and National Lottery Heritage Fund, and Chairman of Age Concern England and Age Scotland. He was awarded a CBE in 2001 for services to higher education. |

Council records its deep regret and sympathy for the relatives concerned.