

# Council

'the supreme governing body of the University' – as described in the University's Charter  
As a charity, Council is our Board of Trustees

## Responsibilities

- Strategic direction.
- Monitoring effectiveness and performance.
- Safeguarding assets.
- Ensuring solvency.
- Appointing senior executive officers.

### Professor Karen Holford

responsible to Council for the University's day-to-day operations



### Sub-committees deal with detailed Council business:

- Finance
- Audit
- Remuneration
- Nominations

## Recent activities

- Approved the University budget 2023/2024.
- Considered opportunities and risks associated to Cranfield's capabilities around AI.
- Approved the Financial Statements and signed off annual assurance reports including EDI, Prevent Duty and Environment.



**17-19**  
members



**Members serve for 3 years**  
(eligible for re-election)  
to ensure a dynamic  
and diverse Council



**Meets 4x**  
a year

## Members

Chair



Pro-Chancellor,  
**Iain Ferguson**  
Chair and Non-Executive  
Director portfolio

Vice-Chancellor,  
**Professor Karen Holford**

Independent members

**Caroline Carter**  
Dean, University of Law;  
formerly Ashursts LLP

**Lesley Chen Davison**  
Head of Commercial  
Strategy, GoSpace AI

**Colin Day**  
Non-Executive  
Independent Director,  
Meggitt Plc (alumnus)

**Ian Hart**  
Senior Investment  
Banker

**Alice Hynes**  
Senior Consultant  
and Director of  
APC Futures Ltd

**Jo Price**  
Chair of Board, University  
College of Osteopathy;  
former VC at Royal  
Agricultural University

**Simon Rowlands**  
Founder, Africa  
Platform and retired  
co-founder, Cinven

**Jaz Saggu**  
Chair and  
Non-Executive  
Director portfolio  
(Financial Services)

**Claire Stokes**  
former Senior Partner,  
PwC

**Peter Watkins**  
former Director  
General, MOD

**Phil Zeidler**  
Entrepreneur;  
co-founder, Deadhappy

Staff

**Professor Helen Atkinson**  
Pro-Vice-Chancellor –  
Aerospace, Transport  
and Manufacturing

**Connie Greening**  
Senior Assistant  
Registrar (Registry  
Services)

**James Hill**  
Communications  
Manager

**Jane Hubble**  
Head of Technical  
Services (SWEE)

Student

**Ehizuelen Imafidon**  
CSA President