

attainment performance gap, that a review of the University's performance in terms of good degrees obtained by students as compared with other low tariff institutions was soon to commence, and that Emergency Response refresher training had been arranged to take place in May 2019.

2. The Board received and endorsed an academic overview report summary which included actions arising from annual course monitoring 2017/18. The Board noted that taught programmes were considered to be in good health overall, with some actions recommended to enhance the student experience.
3. The Board received and approved the Research Degree Committee annual report and it was agreed that the Board of Governors would consider an executive summary of the report at its next meeting. The Board noted

highlighted and that engagement with the local community had continued in the context of and an opportunity for a commercial venture with an external partner.

7. The Board noted that the Honorary Award nominations had been approved by circulation and remained confidential.
8. The Board received an update on the monitoring of the 2017/18 Access Agreement and the direction of future Access and Participation Plans. The Board noted that good progress had been made by the University against its targets, for the 2017/18 period, and that initial analysis of the data that would be used to inform future planning showed few statistical gaps on continuation, attainment and progression due to the relatively small numbers of students from disadvantaged backgrounds. It was also noted that our employment record for graduates remains exemplary. The Board noted that the University Executive would be considering the data relating to access gaps for some under-represented or disadvantaged groups and provide direction on the targets that should be pursued for the five year strategic Plan from 2020-2025.

