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**UCET Working Group: the intellectual basis of teacher education**

**Chair: Trevor Mutton**

**Terms of Reference**

1. ***Number of meetings***

There will be 4 to 6 meetings per year.

1. ***Secretariat***

The Chair of the Working Group will, in liaison with the UCET Policy Liaison Officer, be responsible for organising the agenda and papers for the meeting, and the taking and distribution of notes from each meeting.

1. ***Terms of reference***

* to steer overall UCET strategy, with particular reference to the 2020-2025 strategic plan
* to act as a forum in which the UCET strategy is discussed and critiqued
* to steer UCET responses to teacher education policy development across the UK, drawing on evidence from research and practice
* to generate debate around teacher education policy and to challenge, where appropriate, the policy agenda set by others
* to champion the importance of research informed professional practice
* to initiate relevant knowledge exchange opportunities in order to promote the distinctive nature of university-based teacher education and the central role of the university teacher educator
* to support all university-based teacher educators by championing the need for intellectual freedom in all that they do
* to work in collaboration with the various UCET forums and the UCET Executive to set a clear agenda for the promotion of university-based teacher education
* to produce occasional papers and other appropriate outputs to enable the working group to engage fully with the wider UCET membership