The Council aims to ensure that Cochrane Groups retain an effective voice in Cochrane’s leadership and strategic decision-making. The purpose of the Council is to provide:

- A forum for Cochrane Groups to consider high-level matters affecting Cochrane as a whole;
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• A mechanism to raise matters and provide input to the Governing Board on behalf of Cochrane Groups and members; and
• A forum to consider matters at the request of the Board and inform Board deliberations.

The following constituencies are represented by two seats each on the Council:

• Author Forum
• Co-ordinating Editors Board
• Consumers Executive
• Early Career Professionals Network
• Fields Executive
• Geographic Group Directors Executive
• Information Specialists Executive
• Managing Editors Executive
• Methods Executive

Declarations of Interest:

Council members must declare conflicts of interest related to their role on the Council, which are published on the Cochrane Community website and are updated annually or when circumstances change: https://community.cochrane.org/organizational-info/people/conflict-interest/council. Participants at Council meetings are also required to declare any possible material interests that could give rise to conflict in relation to any item under discussion at the start of each meeting. All interests so disclosed are recorded in the minutes. Conflicted members may be required to absent themselves from all or part of the discussion of the matter at the discretion of the chair of the meeting.

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| 11:05-12:30 85’ | **4.** | **Strategy 2023-2027**  
Engagement and feedback from Council  
1. Does the Vision, Mission & goals resonate with you? Are we going in the right direction? Is there anything missing?  
2. What's the right balance between the goals? Which is the most important? Anything we should de-prioritise?  
3. Does this Strategy excite, enthuse, inspire you? Will it encourage you to engage more with Cochrane?  
4. What do this Strategy mean for you? How do you see yourself supporting delivery of the new Strategy? How will it impact or change what you do? | Catherine Spencer & Tracey Barr  
For discussion |
| 12:30-13:30 60’ | **5.** | Lunch Break | |
| 13:30-14:30 60’ | **5.** | **Strategy: group discussion (continued)** | Council Co-Chairs & Tracey Barr  
For discussion |
| 14:30-15:30 60’ | **6.** | **Governance review recommendations: initial discussions on plans forward.** | Lucy Johnson Brown & Council Co-Chairs  
For discussion |
| 15:30-16:00 | **6.** | Coffee break | |
| 16:00-16:45 45’ | **7.** | **Governance review recommendations:**  
- **Elections:** future plans including Co-Chairs’ election.  
- **Council membership:** is the Community sufficiently represented? Could we better represent it?  
- **Council communications:** best format/how to improve it? | Council Co-Chairs & Lucy Johnson-Brown  
For discussion and decision |
| 16:45-17:15 30’ | **8.** | **Future of evidence synthesis programme (FES) update.** | FES Oversight Committee representative (Vanessa Jordan)  
For discussion [Paper 1: FES programme update  
Paper 2: Future Cochrane briefing note] |
| 17:15-17:30 15’ | **9.** | **Date of next meeting: 17 October (informal)** | Council Co-Chairs  
For information |
| **17:15-17:30** | **COUNCIL ONLY TIME** | | |
A dinner will follow at the Duke of Sussex at 7:30pm

List of attendees:

Council
Robert Dellavalle & Lisa Schilling
Santiago Castiello de Obeso
Ahmad Sofi-Mahmudi
Montserrat Conde
Stefano Negrini & Carlotte Kiekens
Vanessa Jordan
Nai Ming Lai
Luis Garegnani
Valerie Wells
Silvia Minozzi
Cinzia Del Giovane
Liz Dooley
Ndi Euphrasia Ebai-atuh
René Spijker
Jack Nunn

From the Central Executive Team (CET)
Gavin Adams, Director of Development
Casey Early, Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Veronica Bonfigli, Administrative Officer
Catherine Spencer, CEO, will join later.