

Dear All,

I hope you are all well and had a restful Easter break. It's incredible to think that we have now spent a year working remotely. None of us could have anticipated we would be away from our places of work for so long or that our lives would be as restricted as they have been. But with half the adult population now vaccinated, with many of our colleagues beginning to receive their first jab, I am confident better times are ahead.

Business Focus

Strategic Procurement and Purchasing (SPP) project

March saw the full launch of our SPP project which promises to enable the University to better buy its goods, works and services and generate financial savings of around £20m per annum. During March's Financial User Group, Professor John Dennis joined us in delivering a presentation about the project and how it will benefit differing groups across the University. The presentation can be viewed [here](#).

Best Wishes,

David Hughes

Director of Finance