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- 2 The University recommends Green OA (self-archiving) as the most cost effective, sustainable way to achieve greater public access to research outputs and supports Green OA through its institutional repository (Solent Electronic Archive - SEA).
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- 4 The University will normally support Gold OA, whereby the author is usually required to pay an Article Processing Charge (APC) to publish in an OA journal, only where funding is made available for this purpose by the research funder.
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