

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

Thirty-fourth meeting of **NERC Council** in UK Research and Innovation to be held at
The Royal Society, London on Thursday, 24 September 2026

AGENDA

Introductory Items

1. 09:00 Welcome
 - i. Unconfirmed minutes of the 33rd meeting of NERC Council of UKRI
 - ii. Action log

2. 09:05 NERC Executive Chair's update

Items for discussion

3. 09:40 Centre Agreement Project
4. 10:05 Antarctic Infrastructure Modernisation Programme: update

10:30 Refreshments

5. 10:45 National Security and Defence (NS&D) research
6. 11:15 Shaping our Future: NERC Future Operating Model

Standing items

7. 11:45 UKRI update
8. 12:00 Update by the Chief Scientific Adviser, Defra
9. 12:15 Update by the Chief Scientific Advisor, DESNZ

12:30 Lunch

Items for discussion

10. 13:15 NERC Council annual self-assessment
11. 13:25 NERC Council: Ways of Working

Standing items

12. 13:45 NERC Council Finance Report
13. 14:00 Science and Innovation Advisory Committee
14. 14:15 Draft agenda for December Council
15. 14:20 AOB
16. 14:25 Meeting close

For discussion by exception

17. NERC Council Quarterly Risk Review
18. NERC Management Dashboard