

## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

Twentieth meeting of **NERC Council** in UK Research and Innovation to be held in **Polaris House, Swindon** on **Thursday, 2 March 2023**

### AGENDA

#### Introductory Items

1. 09:00 Welcome
2. 09:05
  - i. Unconfirmed minutes of the 19th meeting of NERC Council of UKRI
  - ii. Decisions and actions, and matters arising
3. 09:15 Discussion of Council retreat outcomes
4. 10:00 British Geological Survey report by the Chair, BGS Board
5. 10:30 Update by Chief Scientific Adviser, Defra

#### 10:45 Break

6. 11:00 Executive Chair's update

#### Items for discussion

7. 11:45 Increasing world-class, cutting-edge research in NERC centres: Advisory Group recommendations
8. 12:15 UKRI Strategic Theme: Tackling infections

#### 12:45 Lunch (including Staff Showcase)

9. 13:45 ResearchFish presentation
10. 14:15 STEM pay remit: financial implications and planning
11. 14:40 NERC Portfolio mapped to the Strategic Delivery Plan 2022-25
12. 15:20 Balancing NERC Doctoral Training investments to best support UK environmental science

#### Standing items

13. 15:45 NERC Council forward agendas (rolling programme of business)
14. 16:00 Report from the NERC Assurance Board
15. 16:10 Agenda and unconfirmed minutes of Science Committee (including Science Committee Terms of Reference)
16. 16:20 AOB
17. 16:25 Meeting close

#### For discussion by exception

18. NERC Council Dashboard