

NERC Management Board (NMB) Meeting Summary of discussions

**19 November 2019 58VE,
London**

Members present:

Professor DJ Wingham, Ms C Bault, Mr N Bird, Mr R Gledhill, Mr P Hayden, Dr P Heads, Ms A Robinson.

Apologies: None

Other attendees: Mr R Blowfield (UKRI Head of Information Security, item 2), Mr N Parfitt (Head of Physical Security for STFC and NERC, item 2), Mr A Bidwell (NERC Risk Business Partner, item 3), Ms E Body (Head of Strategy and Planning, item 6).

Secretary: Mrs J Kendall.

Executive Chair Update

Professor Wingham opened the meeting and welcomed members. He provided an update on the future Spending Review and the new Research and Skills director post.

Annual report on Security

NMB was presented with an overview of the recent UKRI annual report on security, which highlighted the differences and challenges of the new process. It was noted that work was still in progress to assist the NERC Centres becoming up-to-date on Cyber Essentials.

The Information Security team was preparing feedback for BEIS on how the process of reporting could be improved. It was noted however that UKRI's plans were still in early stages.

NMB raised questions over Business Continuity and Cyber Essentials, which would be fed back to UKRI.

Monitoring performance against NERC delivery plan

The Board was provided with an overview of the current tracking of the long term ambitions in NERC's delivery plan and a summary of the report. Further discussion would take place during a future Executive Chair and Directors meeting.

Matters arising from UKRI meetings

The Board was provided with updates from recent meetings.

Standing items

NMB also noted a couple of standing items including the monthly finance update, the risk register review and the rolling programme of business.

Date of next meeting

The next NERC Management Board meeting will be held on 16 December 2019.