

NERC Management Board (NMB) Meeting

Summary of discussions

14th July 2021

Held via Zoom

Members present:

A Robinson (Chair), N Bird, V McMyn, S Waldron, C Bault, K Shillinglaw, C Foster

Board Observer: Sarah Webb

Apologies: I Williams

Other attendees:

Shaun Caswell (item 2), Candy Snelling (item 5), Corrina Urquhart (item 6 & 7), Linda Capper (item 8), Sophie Hodgson (item 9), Stacy-Ann Ashley (item 10) & Fiona Goff (item 11)

Secretary: Eleanor Oates.

Executive Chair Update

Alison Robinson opened the meeting and welcomed members. She updated members on the Spending Review allocation, OpeX, Reforming Our Business, UKRI Strategic Initiatives, NERC COVID-19 Responsiveness and highlighted the potential impact to NERC.

Annual Report Science Estate

The Board reviewed the Annual Report and noted the satisfactory condition of the NERC UK Estate, they also noted the driver to increase investment in long-term maintenance in NERC's spending review thinking.

NERC Naming Policy

The Board reviewed and approved the NERC Naming Policy. NERC has developed a naming policy to support informed and transparent decision making on names in line with the NERC Responsible Business Statement.

Community Diversity Roundtables

The Board reviewed and noted the project's progress. The Board approved the approach for NERC to take forward both Community Diversity sector owned actions and NERC-specific EDI actions as part of the NERC EDI Plan.

Head Office Plan – Exception Report

The Board reviewed and noted progress on Head Office Change Plan activities following Q1 21/22.

COP26 Plans: RRS Sir David Attenborough in London

The Board noted the event framework for the Pre-COP26 event, including RRS Sir David Attenborough presence.

NERC COP26 Plans

The Board reviewed details of the proposed NERC HO COP26 programme, they agreed high-level objectives for NERC HO COP26 activities and provided feedback on the proposed activities within the NERC HO COP26 programme.

UKRI & NERC Communications plan: report on delivery progress

The Board reviewed and noted the plans progress. They agreed the proposed areas of focus for the remainder of 2021.

Impact & Outcomes Programme 6-month update

The Board reviewed and noted the progress on impact and outcomes evidence work in Head Office, they were updated on plans for the next six months.

Standing items

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

Date of next meeting

The next NERC Management Board meeting would be held on 29 September 2021.