

NERC Management Board (NMB) Meeting

Summary of discussions

26th January 2022

Held via Zoom

Members present:

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

Board Observer: Ling Xu

Other attendees:

C Snelling, C Urquhart, D Frater (item 2), A Bidwell (item 3), T Haynes (item 4) N Townley, N Mellis (item 5), S Caswell (item 6).

Secretary: Eleanor Oates.

Executive Chair Update

Alison Robinson opened the meeting and welcomed members. She updated members on the Spending Review allocation, OpEx allocations, the UKRI DEI strategy consultation plan, the new NERC Strategic Delivery Plan, NERC Research Centre relationships, return to hybrid working National Capability Review and UKRI Efficiency plan, and highlighted the potential impact to NERC.

NERC Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan

The Board reviewed and endorsed the NERC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Living action plan. They noted the NERC recruitment data and priority actions within the plan.

Evaluation Programme: Annual rolling programme

The Board noted the report and endorsed the proposed programme for 2022.

Centre IT Tenancy Options

The Board reviewed the five options available for the future IT tenancies for BAS, BGS and NOC. They endorsed Option 4, all Centres would move to new self-administered / operated tenancies, NERC HO would move to a UKRI tenancy.

Standing items

NMB also noted 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 23 March 2022.