

NERC Management Board (NMB) Meeting

Summary of discussions

26th March 2022

Held at 58VE, London

Members present:

A Robinson (Chair), N Bird, S Waldron, I Williams, C Bault, C Foster

Board Observer: Victoria Wickens

Other attendees:

A Bidwell (item 3), M Mikroudaki (item 4) F Goff (item 5) C Urquhart (item 7) S Caswell (item 9) B Dark (item 9)

Secretary: Eleanor Oates.

Executive Chair Update

Alison Robinson opened the meeting and welcomed members. She updated members on the Spending Review allocation, the UKRI Strategy and Operating Model, the NERC Strategic Delivery Plan, the evolving situation between Ukraine and Russia, and highlighted the potential impact to NERC.

NERC Management Board Terms of Reference

The Board reviewed and endorsed publication of the updated Terms of Reference.

NERC Public Engagement Showcase Plan

The Board reviewed and endorsed the three-year plan for future NERC showcase activities.

Impact & Outcomes Programme 6-month update -Including dissemination plan

The Board noted the six-monthly progress report and approved plans for the next 6 months.

Allocation of NERC Research Centre Institutional Funding

The Board endorsed the allocation of Institutional Funding (IF) using the outputs from the 2020 Centre Evaluation exercise noting the Strategic Relationship/Business Transfer Agreement funding agreement terms.

Head Office Plan -exception report (qtrly)

The Board noted the progress on Head Office Change Plan activities following Quarter 3(Q3) 2021/22 Review.

Health & Safety Report, including Review of Atmospheric Research Aircraft operational safety and assurance

The Board noted the key findings from the operational safety review of the Atmospheric Research Aircraft operated by National Centre for Atmospheric Science

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 26 May 2022.