

NERC Management Board (NMB) Meeting

Summary of discussions

28 September 2022

Held via Zoom

Members present: Duncan Wingham (Chair), Nigel Bird, Iain Williams Susan Waldron, Christine Foster, Caroline Bault, Kim Shillinglaw

Board Observer: Georgina Colley

Other attendees: A Bidwell (item 2), R Thomas (item 3), L Haydon (item 4 and 5), M Potter (item 6), L Bettington (item 7), F Goff (item 9), M Mikroudaki (item 9), L Storey (item 10)

Secretary: Katrina Lewis

Executive Chair Update

Sir Duncan Wingham opened the meeting and welcomed members, while providing an update on student stipends, critical minerals work and UKRI Themes.

Risk Register

The Board reviewed NERC's top risks and supported the recommendations set out in the paper.

New Ways of Working

The Board noted NERC HO's approach and scope to the ways of working project.

Head Office Change Plan

The Board noted the 2022/23 Q1 Head Office Change Plan update paper.

NERC Delivery Plan Reporting Framework

The Board noted the progress made to the overall Delivery Plan reporting process.

NERC Responsible Business Statement

NMB supported and approved the statement.

Prioritisation of Polar Research and Operations Infrastructure

The Board approved the proposal following suggested minor adjustments.

Process Review of the BGS Evaluation

The Board agreed the paper with one caveat.

Impact Awards 2023

The Board noted the project and its approach while providing guidance and recommendations for potential improvements to the proposal.

Net Zero Oceanographic Capability (NZOC)

The Board indicated strong support for the programme.

Standing items

NMB noted the standing items including the monthly finance update, NERC Board Observers Issue Log and 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 November 2022.