

NERC Management Board (NMB) Meeting

Summary of discussions

13 July 2023

Held via Zoom

Members present: Alison Robinson (Chair), Peter Liss, Candy Snelling (NB deputy), Susan Waldron, Iain Williams, Christine Foster

Board Observer: Leo Newport

Other attendees: Robyn Thomas (item 3), Steve Moysey (item 4), Sophie Hodgson (item 5)

Secretary: Katrina Lewis

Executive Chair Update

Alison Robinson opened the meeting and welcomed members, while providing an update on appointment of interim NERC Executive Chair, Horizon Europe, UKRI staff survey results and moon-shot ideas.

Peter Liss provided a brief overview of time in post to date and developing plans for the next 5 to 6 months in preparation for the new Executive Chair.

Ways of Working (23/33)

Robyn indicated that Nigel Bird would be taking over this project following Robyn's departure. NMB praised the work of staff in supporting the project.

NERC Top Risks

Major Operational Change - The Board were supportive but requested further detailed understanding of 'crunch' points, timing and what resourcing is required to manage change.

Horizon Europe - NMB were happy the risk was being managed.

Ocean observing prioritisation (23/34)

NMB were supportive of the work to implement the recommendations.

Carbon storage research facility and research facilities infrastructure (23/35)

NMB were supportive of the governance change.

Standing items

NMB approved the three items detailed as approval by exception including FAAM Access Routes and noted the standing items including the NERC Management Dashboard, 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 28 September 2023.