

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

Twenty-fourth meeting of **NERC Council** in UK Research and Innovation to be held at **Polaris House, Swindon on Thursday, 7 March 2024**

AGENDA

Introductory Items

1. 09:00 Welcome
 - i. Unconfirmed minutes of the 23rd meeting of NERC Council of UKRI
 - ii. Decisions and actions, and matters arising
2. 09:10 Introduction from the new NERC Executive Chair
3. 09:40 Update by the Chief Scientific Adviser, Defra
4. 09:55 Update from UKRI
5. 10:15 Executive Chair's update

11:00 Break

Items for discussion

6. 11:15 Planning for HMG Comprehensive Spending Review
7. 11:35 Outcomes of the Nature Positive Stakeholder Roundtable
8. 12:00 UKRI Strategic Theme: Securing Better Health, Ageing and Wellbeing (Professor Patrick Chinnery, Executive Chair, MRC)

12:30 Lunch (including NERC showcase)

9. 14:00 British Antarctic Survey – Strategy 2023-2033
10. 14:30 Carbon Storage Research Facility (CSRF)

Standing items

11. 14:50 Agenda of the NERC Assurance Board
12. 15:05 Agenda and unconfirmed minutes of Science Committee
13. 15:20 NERC Council forward agendas (including rolling programme of business)
14. 15:35 AOB
15. 15:45 Meeting close

For discussion by exception

16. NERC Council Dashboard