

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

Twenty-eighth meeting of **NERC Council** in UK Research and Innovation to be held at
Polaris House, Swindon on Thursday, 6 March 2025

AGENDA

Introductory Items

1. 09:00 Welcome
 - i. Unconfirmed minutes of the 27th meeting of NERC Council of UKRI
 - ii. Decisions and actions, and matters arising

2. 09:05 Executive Chair's update

Items for discussion

3. 09:35 Planning for HMG Comprehensive Spending Review
4. 10:00 NERC Council finance report
5. 10:15 NERC National Capability budgets 2025/26 and 2026/27

10:45 Break

6. 11:00 *Forward Look* Engagement and Development
7. 11:30 NERC and the UKRI Infrastructure Roadmap Programme
8. 12:00 UKRI Strategic Communications and UKRI update

12:45 Lunch (including NERC showcase)

Standing items

9. 13:30 NERC Council Quarterly risk review
10. 13:45 Update by the Chief Scientific Adviser, Defra
11. 14:00 Update from the March Science Committee meeting
12. 14:15 Update from the NERC Assurance Board
13. 14:30 NERC Council forward agendas (including rolling programme of business)
14. 14:40 AOB
15. 14:45 Meeting close