

## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

**Thirtieth** meeting of **NERC Council** in UK Research and Innovation to be held at  
**University of Oxford, on Thursday, 25 September 2025**

### AGENDA

#### Introductory Items

1. 09:00 Welcome
  - i. Unconfirmed minutes of the 29th meeting of NERC Council of UKRI
  - ii. Action log
2. 09:05 Executive Chair's update
3. 09:45 Deputy Executive Chair and Chief Operating Officer updates

#### Items for discussion

4. 10:15 ESRC Forward Look: Stian Westlake, ESRC Executive Chair

#### 10:45 Refreshments

5. 11:00 Capturing the economic and societal impact of NERC research
6. 11:20 UKRI allocations
7. 12:00 NERC Council Finance Report
8. 12:15 NERC Council Quarterly Risk Review
9. 12:30 UKRI Risk and Assurance: Alice Summers

#### 13:00 Lunch

10. 13:40 NERC Infrastructure Fund Proposals
11. 14:05 International

#### Standing items

12. 14:30 NERC Council annual self-assessment
13. 14:40 Update by the Chief Scientific Adviser, Defra
14. 14:50 Agenda and unconfirmed minutes: Science Committee
15. 15:00 Rolling programme of business
16. 15:05 Any Other Business
17. 15:10 Meeting close