

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

Thirty-first meeting of **NERC Council** in UK Research and Innovation to be held at
Caxton House, London on Thursday, 4 December 2025

AGENDA

Introductory Items

1. 09:00 Welcome
 - i. Unconfirmed minutes of the 30th meeting of NERC Council of UKRI
 - ii. Action log
2. 09:15 Professor Sir Ian Chapman, UKRI CEO
3. 10:00 NERC Executive Chair's update
4. 10:30 UKRI allocations

11:00 Refreshments

5. 11:15 NERC Council Senior Independent Member: Introduction
6. 11:20 NERC Director updates:
 - Kate Hamer, Director, Strategy and Performance
 - Michaela Simpson, Director, People, Culture and Operations
7. 11:50 Introduction to Chief Scientific Adviser, DESNZ

Items for discussion

8. 12:00 Joint session with EPSRC Council, March 2026
9. 12:25 R&D Mission Accelerator Programme: Clean Energy Mission

13:00 Lunch

10. 13:45 BBSRC Forward Look: Professor Anne Ferguson-Smith
11. 14:15 Science Committee update (including agenda and unconfirmed minutes)
12. 14:35 Science Committee: transition to Science and Innovation Advisory Committee

Standing items

13. 14:50 NERC Council Finance Report
14. 15:00 NERC Council Quarterly Risk Review
15. 15:10 Update by the Chief Scientific Adviser, Defra
16. 15:20 NERC Assurance Board: minutes
17. 15:30 Rolling programme of business
18. 15:35 AOB
19. 15:40 Meeting close