

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

Thirty-second meeting of **NERC Council** in UK Research and Innovation to be held at the **Marine Station, University of Plymouth** on **Thursday, 5 March 2026**

AGENDA

Introductory Items

1. 09:00 Welcome
 - i. Unconfirmed minutes of the 31st meeting of NERC Council of UKRI
 - ii. Action log
2. 09:05 EPSRC/NERC Joint Session: Feedback
3. 09:35 NERC Executive Chair's update
4. 10:10 NERC Director updates:
 - Jen Jamieson-Ball, Director, Major Programmes and Estates
 - Iain Williams, Director, Strategic Partnerships

10:30 Refreshments

5. 10:45 Update by the Chief Scientific Advisor, DESNZ

Items for discussion

6. 10:55 Talent and Skills
7. 11:20 NERC Security and Resilience Risk
8. 11:45 NERC Council Quarterly Risk Review
9. 12:00 Infrastructure fund proposals - outcomes

12:30 Lunch

Standing items

10. 13:30 NERC Council Forward agenda for f/y 2026/27
11. 13:40 Draft agenda for June Council
12. 13:50 NERC Council Finance Report
13. 14:00 UKRI update
14. 14:10 Update by the Chief Scientific Adviser, Defra
15. 14:20 Science and Innovation Advisory Committee: agenda and unconfirmed minutes
16. 14:30 AOB
17. 14:35 Meeting close