



SCIENCE COMMITTEE  
January 2024

AGENDA

Nineteenth meeting of the Science Committee to be held on 24 & 25 January 2024, Elm House, second floor seminar room - Room 214/215, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, B15 2TT

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Day 1 – 24 January 2024

TIME	ITEM	TITLE	LEAD	CODE	Page no (Top left )
12:30	<i>Tea, coffee, and lunch available</i>				
13:00	1	Welcome new members, Apologies and Declarations of Interest	D. Hannah	Oral	
13:10	2	Governance and Operation of Science Committee: Outcome of the annual self-assessment exercise 2023	D. Hannah	NERC SC 24/01	3
13:30	3	Feedback from Council	D. Hannah	NERC SC 24/02	10
13:35	4	Minutes and Actions October 2023, and Matters/Actions Arising	D. Hannah	NERC SC 24/03 Discussion Paper	13
13:40	5	Executive Chair Update	P. Liss	Oral	
14:10	<i>Tea and coffee</i>				
14:30	6	EDI: Positive Action Update	S. Waldron	NERC SC 24/04 Discussion Paper	28
15:00	7	Think Big Workshop	L. Haydon	NERC SC 24/05 Discussion Paper	30
15:45	8	Discipline Balance Review	S. Turner	NERC SC 24/06 Discussion Paper	34
16:05 16:30	10-minute walk to museum Tour of Lapworth Museum of Geology ( <a href="https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/lapworth-museum/index.aspx">https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/lapworth-museum/index.aspx</a> )				
17:30	<b>10-minute walk back to Edgbaston Park Hotel</b>				
18:45 19:00 – 19:45 -	<b>Meet for drinks</b> in the <u>1900</u> bar <b>Presentations:</b> (The Pevsner room) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kirsty Edgar</b> (Earth and Environmental Sciences), Associate Professor in Micropalaeontology, Head of Research in the School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences</li> <li>• <b>Suzanne Bartington</b> (Applied Health Research), Clinical Associate Professor in Environmental Health, Honorary Consultant in Public Health, UKRI Clean Air Champion</li> <li>• <b>Stefan Krause</b> Professor of Ecohydrology and Biogeochemistry, Head of Birmingham Water Centre and Member of Birmingham Plastics Network.</li> <li>• <b>Professor Bloss</b> (Professor of Atmospheric Science, Interim Head, College of Life &amp; Environmental Sciences)</li> </ul> <b>Dinner</b> (The Pevsner room)				

**Day 2 – 25 January 2024**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>LEAD</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>Page no</b>
08:45		<i>Tea and Coffee available</i>			
09:00	<b>9</b>	Welcome to day 2	D. Hannah	Oral	
09:05	<b>10</b>	Strategic Research Investment to achieve NERC Delivery Plan Ambitions Triage – facilitated session	S. Turner	NERC SC 24/07 Discussion Paper	43
10:20		<i>Tea and coffee</i>			
10:40		Strategic Research Investment to achieve NERC Delivery Plan Ambitions Triage – facilitated session cont.	S. Turner		
12:00		<i>Lunch</i>			
12:45	<b>11</b>	Highlight Topics Update 2024	L. Renders	NERC SC 24/08 Discussion Paper	60
13:10	<b>12</b>	NERC Doctoral Training Investments – CDT /DTP Update	L. Renders	NERC SC 24/09 Discussion Paper	71
13:40	<b>13</b>	Demonstrating NERC's impact and outcomes	F. Goff	NERC SC 24/10 Discussion Paper	77
14:00	<b>14</b>	Forward Agenda	D. Hannah	NERC SC 24/11 Discussion Paper	82
14:05	<b>15</b>	AOB	D. Hannah	Oral	
14:15		<b>MEETING CLOSED</b>			

Information Papers - Finance
<b>Terms of Reference - <a href="https://nerc.ukri.org/about/organisation/boards/science/tor/">https://nerc.ukri.org/about/organisation/boards/science/tor/</a></b>