

NERC Management Board (NMB) Meeting

Summary of discussions

18 July 2024

Held at Caxton House

Members present: Alison Robinson (Chair), Louise Heathwaite, Caroline Bault, Christine Foster, Kim Shillinglaw, Tracy Shimmield, Michaela Simpson, Tom Haynes (IW deputy)

Board Observer: Rachael Foy

Other attendees: Wendy Selby-Brown (item 2 & 4), Andrew Bidwell (item 3), Jen Jamieson-Ball (item 4), Leigh Storey (item 5), Michelle Wickenden (item 6), Kate Hamer (item 7 & 8), Liam Haydon (item 8), Candy Snelling (item 9)

Secretary: Katrina Lewis

Executive Chair Update

Alison Robinson opened the meeting and welcomed members, while providing an update on changes within Government, UKRI change programmes, UKRI CEO recruitment and headcount controls.

NERC Finance (24/33)

Wendy Selby-Brown provided a general finance update.

NERC Top Risks (24/34)

Andrew Bidwell attended to discuss NERC top risks and any related proposed changes.

Deep dive into Antarctica Logistics budget and ALI partition risk and decision points (24/35)

NMB discussed options for managing ALI through 2024/25.

Future Marine Research Infrastructure (FMRI) Science Case and Operationalize (24/36)

NMB advised Leigh Storey to simplify the FMRI governance structure.

ALARP Timetable and proposed plan (24/37)

Michelle Wickenden provided an update on the Aviation Assurance Panel (AAP) Assurance statement.

Spending Review Update

Kate Hamer provided a general update.

NERC SDP Report 2024/25 (24/38)

NMB were supportive of the report going to NERC Council.

Carbon Pathway (24/39)

NMB approved the proposal.

Standing items

NMB noted the standing items including Carbon Storage Research Facility (CSRF) Close Out Report (24/44), approval of the minutes of May 2024 (24/41), the NERC Board Observers Issue Log (24/40), and matters arising from UKRI meetings (24/46), and the rolling programme of business.

Papers for approval

Operations Group ToR (24/40) – approved with nil comments.

Capital Approvals (24/43) – approved with nil comments.

Date of next meeting

The next NERC Management Board meeting would be held on 7 November 2024.