

NERC Management Board (NMB) Meeting

Summary of discussions

7 November 2024

Held at Caxton House

Members present: Alison Robinson (Chair), Louise Heathwaite, Caroline Bault, Christine Foster, Kim Shillinglaw, Iain Williams, Tracy Shimmield, Michaela Simpson, Michaela Simpson, Kate Hamer, Rashik Parmar (NERC Council SIM)

Board Observer: Tracy Hanks

Other attendees: Wendy Selby-Brown (item 2), Simon Gardener and Andrea Sharpe (item 5), Vicky Durbridge (item 6), Elspeth Body and Liam Haydon (item 7), Candy Snelling and Nigel Parfitt (item 8), Bill Dark (item 10)

Secretary: Katrina Lewis

Executive Chair Update

Alison Robinson opened the meeting and welcomed members, while providing an update on NERC Deputy Executive Chair and COO recruitment, interim NERC director arrangements and UKRI change programmes.

NERC Finance (24/48)

Wendy Selby-Brown provided a general finance update.

Spending Review (SR) Update

Kate Hamer provided a brief verbal update.

NERC Top Risks (24/49)

Alison Robinson highlighted the main themes in the absence of a NERC risk business partner.

Environmental Data Research UK Critical Mass Investment Concept (24/50)

NMB provided feedback to Simon Gardener and Andrea Sharpe and agreed with the proposed timetable.

Demand Management (24/51)

NMB advised Vicky Durbridge to seek further review and approval.

Efficient business planning for NERC (24/52)

NMB were supportive of the framework presented by Elspeth Body.

NERC UK Estate – Enabling World Leading Research (24/53)

NMB agreed the Estates Strategy.

Staff Survey (24/54)

Tracy Hanks highlighted the priorities to NMB.

Organisational Stress Risk Assessment

Tracy Hanks and Bill Dark provided a verbal update to NMB.

Standing items

NMB noted the standing items including the NERC Board Observers Issue Log (24/55), agreement of decisions and actions of the last meeting and next NMB agenda (24/56).

Papers for approval

Responsible Business Statement (24/57) – approved with nil comments.

NERC Incident Escalation Process (24/58) – approved with nil comments.

Information Papers

NERC Management Dashboard (24/59) – noted

Ships refit contract (24/60) – noted

UKGEOS Close Out (24/61) – noted

IT Update (24/62) – noted

NMB Future Changes (24/63) – noted

NERC Capital Approvals (24/64) – noted

Q2 Health and Safety Report (24/65) – noted

Date of next meeting

The next NERC Management Board meeting would be held on 4 February 2025.