

## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

**Three hundred and nineteenth** meeting of **NERC Council**, to be held at Alexandra House, Wroughton, Swindon SN4 0QJ, on Thursday 16 July 2015.

### AGENDA

| Introductory Items          |       |  |            | Protective Marking |
|-----------------------------|-------|--|------------|--------------------|
| 1.                          | 09:00 | Chair's update (non-executive members only)                                |            |                    |
| 2.                          | 09:10 | Chair's welcome and introduction   |            |                    |
| 3.                          | 09:20 | i. Unconfirmed minutes of 318th meeting of NERC Council                    | NERC 15/26 | O/S                |
|                             |       | ii. Decisions and actions, and matters arising                             | NERC 15/27 |                    |
| <b>Items for discussion</b> |       |  |            |                    |
| 4.                          | 09:30 | Chief Executive update and key activities                                  | NERC 15/28 | O/S                |
| 5.                          | 10:00 | Council Review   | NERC 15/29 | O/S                |
|                             | 11:00 | <i>Coffee</i>  |            |                    |
| 6.                          | 11:15 | Update from BIS representative   | Oral       |                    |
| 7.                          | 11:30 | Financial  | NERC 15/30 | O/S                |
|                             |       | i. forecast and context  |            |                    |
|                             |       | ii. risk   |            |                    |
| 8.                          | 11:55 | Comprehensive Spending Review  | Oral       | O/S                |
|                             | 12:25 | <i>Lunch</i>   |            |                    |
| 9.                          | 12:55 | Ownership & governance: update   | NERC 15/31 | O/S                |
| 10.                         | 13:25 | National Capability commissioning update                                   | NERC 15/32 | O/S                |
| 11.                         | 13:55 | New polar research vessel: update  | NERC 15/33 | O/S                |
| <b>Standing items</b>       |       |  |            |                    |
| 12.                         | 14:10 | Rolling programme of business  | NERC 15/34 | O/S                |
| 13.                         | 14:15 | Science and Innovation Strategy Board (SISB):                              | NERC 15/35 | O/S                |
|                             |       | i. Report of the SISB Meeting: 16/17 June 2015                             |            |                    |
|                             |       | ii. Strategic Programme Areas: recommendation                              |            |                    |
|                             |       | iii. Terms of reference  |            |                    |
|                             | 14:45 | <i>Coffee</i>  |            |                    |
| 14.                         | 15:00 | Report of the Innovation Advisory Board (IAB) meeting: 19 May 2015         | NERC 15/36 | O/S                |
| 15.                         | 15:15 | Report of the Audit & Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC) meeting: 28 May 2015 | NERC 15/37 | O/S                |
| 16.                         | 15:45 | Any other business   |            |                    |
| 17.                         | 15:50 | Meeting close  |            |                    |

**Key O/S – OFFICIAL: SENSITIVE**