

## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

**Three hundred and twentieth** meeting of **NERC Council**, to be held at British Geological Survey, Environmental Science Centre, Nicker Hill, Keyworth, Nottingham NG12 5GG, on **Thursday 15 October 2015**.

### AGENDA

#### Introductory Items

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| 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 319th meeting of NERC Council | NERC 15/38 | O/S |
|    |       | ii. Decisions and actions, and matters arising          | NERC 15/39 | O/S |

#### Items for discussion

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| 4.  | 09:30 | Chief executive update and key activities  | NERC 15/40 | O/S |
| 5.  | 10:15 | Financial  | NERC 15/41 | O/S |
|     |       | i. forecast and context  |            |     |
|     |       | ii. risk   |            |     |
| 6.  | 10:40 | Update from BIS representative   | Oral       |     |
|     | 10:55 | <i>Coffee</i>  |            |     |
| 7.  | 11:10 | Collective working across Research Councils  | Oral       |     |
| 8.  | 11:40 | Council review: update   | NERC 15/42 | O/S |
| 9.  | 12:20 | NERC strategy and funding priorities   | Oral       | O/S |
|     | 13:00 | <i>Lunch</i>   |            |     |
| 10. | 13:30 | New approach to managing the operating costs of NERC large research infrastructure | NERC 15/43 | O/S |
| 11. | 14:00 | Increasing NERC's innovation impact  | NERC 15/44 | O/S |
| 12. | 14:20 | Governance, responsibilities and ownership: update                                 | Oral       | O/S |
| 13. | 14:40 | NERC identity  | Oral       |     |
| 14. | 15:00 | NERC corporate responsibility: developing our approach                             | NERC 15/45 | O/S |
|     | 15:20 | <i>Coffee</i>  |            |     |
| 15. | 15:35 | New polar research vessel: update  | Oral       | O/S |

#### Standing items

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|-----|-------|--|------------|-----|
| 16. | 15:45 | Rolling programme of business                          | NERC 15/46 |     |
| 17. | 15:50 | Report of the Science Board meeting: 23 September 2015 | NERC 15/47 | O/S |
| 18. | 16:00 | Any other business                                     |            |     |
| 19. | 16:10 | Meeting close  |            |     |

Key O/S – OFFICIAL: SENSITIVE

## **Papers for information**

- i. Common NERC Acronyms
- ii. Attendance at NERC council 2014/15

## **Papers on Council iShare website -**

<https://ishare.apps.nerc.ac.uk/teams/gads/documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

- iii. Protective markings for NERC board papers