

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

				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 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

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

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