

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

Three hundred and twenty first meeting of **NERC Council**, to be held at the BIS Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET, on **Thursday 10 December 2015**.

AGENDA

Introductory Items

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| 1. | 09:00 | Chair's update (non-executive members only) | | |
| 2. | 09:20 | Chair's welcome and introduction | | |
| 3. | 09:30 | i. Unconfirmed minutes of 320th meeting of NERC Council | NERC 15/48 | O/S |
| | | ii. Decisions and actions, and matters arising | NERC 15/49 | O/S |

Items for discussion

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| 4. | 09:40 | Chief executive update including spending review update | NERC 15/50
and slides | O/S |
| | 10:40 | <i>Coffee</i> | | |
| 5. | 10:55 | Financial | NERC 15/51 | O/S |
| | | i. forecast and context | | |
| | | ii. risk | | |
| 6. | 11:25 | Update from BIS representative | Oral | |
| 7. | 11:40 | New polar research vessel: update | Oral/slides | O/S |
| 8. | 11:55 | Governance, responsibilities and ownership: update | Oral/slides | O/S |
| 9. | 12:10 | The evaluation of National Capability | NERC 15/52 | O/S |
| 10. | 12:30 | Purpose and criteria for NERC NC-Science funding | NERC 15/53 | O/S |
| | 12:50 | <i>Lunch</i> | | |
| 11. | 13:20 | The commissioning of marine National Capability | NERC 15/54 | O/S |
| 12. | 13:45 | Management in confidence | NERC 15/55 | O/S |
| 13. | 14:00 | Rolling programme of business | NERC 15/56 | |
| 14. | 14:05 | Six-monthly progress report on the NERC delivery plan | NERC 15/57 | O/S |

Standing items

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| 15. | 14:20 | Report of the Audit & Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC) meeting: 28 October 2015 | NERC 15/58 | O/S |
| 16. | 14:40 | Report of the Innovation Advisory Board meeting: 11 November 2015 | NERC 15/59 | O/S |
| 17. | 14:55 | Any other business | | |
| 18. | 15:00 | 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