

## 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<br>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 | Generating efficiencies through NERC Science & Innovation structure | 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