

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

Three hundred and seventeenth meeting of **NERC council**, to be held at Alexandra House, Wroughton, Swindon SN4 0QJ, on Thursday 5 March 2015.

AGENDA

Introductory Items

Protective Marking

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| 1. | 09:00 | Chairman's update (non-executive members only) | | |
| 2. | 09:10 | Chairman's welcome and introduction | | |
| 3. | 09:20 | i. Unconfirmed minutes of 316 th meeting of NERC Council | NERC 15/01 | O/S |
| | | ii. Decisions and actions, and matters arising | NERC 15/02 | O/S |

Items for discussion

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| 4. | 09:30 | Discussion of Council retreat outcomes | Oral | |
| | 10:30 | <i>Coffee</i> | | |
| 5. | 10:45 | Chief Executive update and key activities | NERC 15/03 | O/S |
| 6. | 11:15 | Financial | NERC 15/04 | O/S |
| | | i. forecast and context | | |
| | | ii. risk | | |
| 7. | 11:45 | Update from BIS representative | Oral | |
| 8. | 12:00 | CSR and Nurse Review | NERC 15/05 | O/S |
| | 12:30 | <i>Lunch</i> | | |
| 9. | 13:00 | Research centre ownership & governance | NERC 15/06 | O/S |
| 10. | 13:30 | National capability commissioning | NERC 15/07 | O/S |
| 11. | 14:00 | Strategic science update | NERC 15/08 | O/S |
| 12. | 14:45 | New polar research vessel | NERC 15/09 | O/S |
| | 15:30 | <i>Coffee</i> | | |

Standing items

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| 13. | 15:45 | Rolling programme of business | NERC 15/10 | |
| 14. | 15:50 | Report of the Science and Innovation Strategy Board (SISB) meeting: 27-28 January 2015 | NERC 15/11 | O/S |
| 15. | 16:00 | Report of the NERC Audit & Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC) meeting: 4 February 2015 | NERC 15/12 | O/S |
| 16. | 16:10 | ARAC Annual report to Council | NERC 15/13 | O/S |
| 17. | 16:20 | Report of the Innovation Advisory Board (IAB) meeting: 29 January 2015 | NERC 15/14 | O/S |
| 18. | 16:30 | Any other business | | |
| 19. | 16:35 | 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