

## **Summary of the NERC Management Board Meeting, 18 July 2017**

The tenth meeting of the NERC Management Board (NMB) took place on Tuesday 18 July 2017 at MRC, 1 Kemble Street, London.

Attendees were:

- Duncan Wingham, NERC Chief Executive (part of the meeting)
- Paul Fox, NERC Chief Operating Officer (chaired in the absence of the Chair)
- Tim Wheeler, NERC Director, Research and Innovation
- Richard Gledhill, NERC Non-Executive Director
- Paul Hayden, NERC Non-Executive Director
- Phil Heads, NERC, Associate Director, Strategy and Evidence
- Alison Robinson, NERC Director, Corporate Affairs
- Claire Turner, NERC Director, Finance (by teleconference)
- Sue Morrell, NMB Secretary

Topical issues discussed were:

### **Governance, Responsibility and Ownership (GRO) update**

1. NMB was provided with an update on the business cases for the independence of CEH and NOC and the current workstreams.

### **UKRI Governance**

2. NMB received updates on recent meetings of the Senior Strategy & Funding Sub-Group and the Design and Delivery Board.

### **Reputational management plan for NOC ship refit**

3. The Board was informed of the current position and agreed that NOC were prepared for any potential queries in relation to the procurement process, in line with good practice.

### **Management of ODA compliance in NERC**

4. NMB was given assurance that a proper process was in place with evidence of an auditable paper trail. It was noted that there was a general need for increased vigilance with funding overseas and the handling of third parties allocating money.

### **5. Standing items discussed were:**

- Chief Executive's update: issues covered were capital (short-term needs) and the development of a long-term capital roadmap.
- Monthly finance update, including capital: NMB noted the figures presented.
- Risk register review: NMB reviewed the top risks and identified updates.

- Actions update and forward planner: Members noted progress against actions and identified issues for the September NMB meeting.
- There were no Communications issues raised during the meeting.

The next NMB meeting will be on Tuesday 19 September at MRC, 1 Kemble Street, London.