NERC Management Board (NMB) Meeting
Summary of discussions
18 September 2018
BEIS, 1 Victoria Street, London

Members present:
Professor DJ Wingham, Mr PJ Fox, Mr P Hayden, Dr P Heads, Ms A Robinson,

Apologies: Mr R Gledhill, Professor T Wheeler

Other attendees: Ms J Thompson (Head of Comms Campaigns, item 2), Dr N Badcock (Head of National Capability Commissioning, item 3), Mr S Caswell (Finance Business Partner, item 4), Miss N Probert (Risk & Assurance Manager, item 5).

Secretary: Dr AJ Turner.

Chief Executive Update
Professor Wingham opened the meeting and welcomed members.
He advised that there were no significant issues of the moment for discussion.

Impact Awards Event update
The Board was advised of the planning for the Impact Awards event. The closing date had passed and a shortlist of the applicants drawn up in the categories of economic, societal and early career. There would be one winner from each category, one of which would go on to become the overall winner.

The Awards event would take place on 3 December at the Natural History Museum, to be attended by government, business and public engagement partners.

A range of public engagement activities and an ‘impact month’ is planned, to include press releases, feature stories and publications.

Update from July National Capability Partners Forum (NCPF)
NMB was informed that the meeting had been well attended and provided a useful forum for gathering and exchanging information around future NERC input into future collective funds. The ideas and other suggestions for input would be added to the Head Office list.

It was commented that it was probably the most successful NCPF meeting to date, from everyone’s point of view, and the approach would be used as a model for future meetings to allow NCPF to best fulfil its role as a mechanism for achieving more effective NC within and for the Centres.
Matters arising from UKRI meetings

The Board was informed that there were no issues raised at these meetings.

Standing items

NMB also noted a couple of standing items including the monthly finance update, the risk register review and the rolling programme of business.

Date of next meeting

The next NERC Management Board meeting will be held on 17 October 2018.