NERC Management Board (NMB) Meeting
Summary of discussions
18 December 2018
MRC, 1 Kemble Street, London

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

Apologies: None.

Other attendees: Mrs F Goff (Head of Evidence, items 2 and 3), Mr S Caswell (NERC Finance Business Partner, item 5), Mr N Cooper (NERC Risk Business Partner, item 6)

Secretary: Mrs SJ Morrell.

Executive Chair Update

Professor Wingham opened the meeting and welcomed members.

He provided updates on the following:
- the text of the Strategy Delivery Plan,
- transformation,
- the UKRI SR submission, and
- the GRO BEIS/NERC Joint Board meeting on 19 December.

British Geological Survey (BGS) Evaluation: NERC HO Response for Performance Management

The Board was asked to consider a framework for performance management and relationship for BGS. The principles of this, which will be implemented for BGS during the first quarter of 2019, are consistent with the approach being developed for the other research centres, including as part of the Governance, Responsibility and Ownership (GRO) programme.

NMB made some amendments and accepted the paper, subject to the amendments.

Evaluation of NERC Centres 2020: draft methodology

NMB was talked through the purpose of the exercise. They were provided with an overview and a methodology overview for excellence, impact and environment, timetable, financial implications and communications.

The Board approved the draft methodology.
Transformation

The Board was advised that the proposed principles for the transformation had been received, and each Council was required to review and develop proposals for central review in February / March.

NERC Council had been presented with the paper earlier in December.

Matters arising from UKRI meetings

The Board was provided with updates from recent 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 14 February, as the meeting scheduled for 22 January 2019 has been cancelled.