

NERC Management Board (NMB) Meeting

Summary of discussions

17th May 2022

Held via Zoom

Members present: A Robinson (Chair), N Bird, Victoria McMyn, I Williams, C Bault, C Foster, Kim Shillinglaw

Board Observer: Jessica Lucia

Other attendees: C Snelling (item 2), M Goodchild (item 5), C Hayter (item 6), H Page (item 7), Andrew Bidwell (item 8), S Caswell (item 9)

Secretary: Eleanor Oates.

Executive Chair Update

Alison Robinson opened the meeting and welcomed members. She updated members on the Spending Review allocation, the UKRI Operating Model, the NERC Strategic Delivery Plan, Horizon Europe, the UKRI Recruitment freeze and the NERC OO departure, and highlighted the potential impact to NERC.

NERC Carbon Pathway

The Board reviewed and provided guidance to shape the NERC Carbon Pathway.

Energy Price Volatility

The Board reviewed and endorsed the proposed approach to mitigate the financial volatility risk caused by rapidly rising fuel and energy prices.

Delivery Plan reporting update 21-22

The Board noted the overall progress in meeting Delivery Plan commitments for the reporting period and agreed the indicators and RAG ratings used to determine progress.

Insight Update

The Board noted the insight progress report and provided recommendations on priorities for the next year.

National Capability Budget Planning 2022/23 – 2024/25

The Board noted possible budget options for National Capability and endorsed the proposed methodology to establish the distribution across NERC's Research Centres.

Future Leaders' Council

The Board noted the recommendations and agreed to use an external agency for recruitment and advertising. They endorsed the proposal to appoint the FLC Chair ahead of the ordinary members.

Standing items

NMB also noted a couple of standing items including the monthly finance update, the risk register review, NERC Board Observers Issue Log and matters arising from UKRI meetings and the rolling programme of business.

Date of next meeting

The next NERC Management Board meeting would be held on 21 July 2022.