

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

Two hundred and eighty second meeting of NERC Council, to be held in the Council Chambers, Polaris House, North Star Avenue, Swindon on Thursday 8th May 2008 commencing at 09.00.

AGENDA

Introductory items

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| 1 | 09:00 | Chairman's welcome and introduction | Oral |
| 2 | 09:05 | Financial forecast and context | NERC 08/14 (P) |

Item for discussion

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| 3 | 09:15 | LWEC Update | NERC 08/15 |
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Items for decision

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| 4 | 10:10 | Roadmap on Polar Science for NERC | NERC 08/16 (P) |
| 5 | 10:40 | Replacement of the RRS Discovery (i) Presentation on Science with NERC Research Vessels (ii) Progress report on Replacement of Discovery project | Oral NERC 08/17 (P) |
| 6 | 11:40 | FAB update | NERC 08/18 |
| | 12:20 | <i>Lunch</i> | |
| 7 | 13:05 | High Performance Computing – Collaboration with the Met Office | NERC 08/19 (P) |

Standing items

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| 8 | 13:25 | CEH Transition Update | |
| | | i) Update on progress of the Transition and Integration project | NERC 08/20 |
| | | ii) CEH Wallingford BREEAM excellent proposal | NERC 08/21 |
| 9 | 13:45 | Council Audit Committee: | |
| | | Report of the Council Audit Committee meeting | |
| | | i) Confirmed minutes of January 2008 meeting | NERC 08/22 (P) |
| | | ii) Draft minutes of April 2008 meeting | NERC 08/23 (P) |
| | | iii) Update on Council Self - assessment exercise | Oral |
| 10 | 13:55 | Science and Innovation Strategy Board report | |
| | | i) Report of the Science and Innovation Strategy Board meeting | NERC 08/24 (P) |
| | | ii) Review of Science and Innovation Strategy Board Terms of Reference | NERC 08/25 |

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| | 14:25 | <i>Break for refreshments</i> | |
| 11 | 14:35 | Executive Report | NERC 08/26 |
| 12 | 15:35 | Rolling Programme of Business | NERC 08/27 |
| 13 | 15:45 | Unconfirmed minutes of the 281 st meeting of Council held on 7 th February 2008 | NERC 08/28 (P) |
| 14 | 15:50 | Decisions and Actions and Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 281 st meeting | NERC 08/29 |
| | 16:05 | Any other business | Oral |
| | 16:20 | Meeting close | |

Papers for Information:

- i) Common NERC Acronyms
- ii) Membership of Council 2007/2008
- iii) Attendance at NERC Council 2007/2008
- iv) The Mission of the NERC
- v) Council Policy on Vested Interests
- vi) SMT Top level objectives
- vii) **Evaluation Programme 2008/09 – NERC 08/30 (P)**