

NIRAB Meeting

Thursday 9th March 2023, 10:00-16:00.

BEIS Conference Centre and virtual on MS Teams

Attendees:

NIRAB Members: Francis Livens (Chair), Gordon Bryan, Gregg Butler, Alun Ellis, Edoardo Patelli, John Stairmand, Allyson Armet, Malcolm Joyce, Maggie Brown, Martin Goodfellow, Mike Lewis,

BEIS: Paul Monks, Damitha Adikaari, Si Dilks, Ian Johnson

NIRO: Dan Mathers, Liv Thompson (secretary), Simon Franklin, Greg Black, Nick Underwood, Paddy Ingram, David Graham, Jeff Holliday, Lucy Platts, Martin Townsend,

Observers: Ian Streatfield (EA); David Smeatham (ONR), Jane Nicholson (EPSRC)

Apologies: Fiona Rayment, Kirsty Armer, Kirsty Gogan,

Minutes

1. Chair Update: Professor Francis Livens

- Minutes from NIRAB plenary of 09/12/2022 agreed without alteration
- Chair reflected on work NIRAB has done to date and provided an overview of the Departments ask of the committee for 2023/24.

2. Update from Department of Energy Security and Net Zero

- A number of organisation changes are on-going within the department
- Competition for Phase B of AMR RD&D expected to close at end of month
- Great British Nuclear – a body announced in energy security strategy are working in collaboration with industry, (industry reps within GBN), announcement due imminently
- A review of research and innovation in the UK has recently been published with a number of recommendations relevant for the sector.

5. Update from NIRO

- An overview of some of the key activities NIRO are working on was given.
- The biannual R&D landscape review is commencing in April, with output expected to be published late Summer/ early Autumn
- NIRO have attended a number of prominent nuclear events recently, most notably Nuclear in Parliament week.

7. Working Group Updates

The NIRAB Delivery, Use Case, and Technology leads provided an update on working group activities and their thoughts on the forward programme.



8. AOB

Next meeting:

- Monthly working group meetings continue.
- NIRAB plenary Thursday 9th June in Manchester

