

Annex A 1 Natural England Board Governance Index

Governance Area	Governance Document	Current Status
Powers and Guidance from SoS		
A1	Purpose of Natural England as set out in NERC Act, 2006	Given
A2	Management Statement	Approved at Sept 06 Board and amended
A3	Financial Memorandum	Approved at Sept 06 Board and amended
A4	Part 8 Agreement	Approved at Sept 06 Board and amended
A5	Partnership Agreement	Drafted under review
Board Structures and Behaviours		
B1	Strategic Statement of Board's Role	Draft developed for approval – Annex B
B2	Board Standing Orders	Draft developed for approval – Annex C
B3	Committee Terms of Reference	Audit – Agreed Science – First draft amended, v2 attached for noting – Annex D
B4	Role and Commitment of Board members	Proposals developed for Board to consider
B5	Draft illustrative Board Business Cycle	Draft developed for Board to consider
B6	Code of Practice for Board Members	Draft developed for Board to consider
B7	Register of Board Interests	Being completed and maintained by Board Services Team
Delegations		
C1	Scheme of matters reserved for Board decision	Approved at Sept 06 Board. Covers delegation from Board to Chief Executive. Needs to be read in conjunction with NFSoD (N3) and FSoD (N2)
C2	Accounting Officer Appointment letter	Issued and previously circulated to Board
C3	Chief Executive Appointment letter	Issued
C4	Board Member Indemnity	Issued and circulated to Board
C5	Sundry Board nominations in respect of specific Policies	Whistleblowing contact: TBC
Performance		
D1	Performance Management Framework and regular reporting against Strategic Direction	Draft performance framework for Chair and Chief Executive developed, for review at Dec 06 Board
D2	Board Corporate Performance Framework	To be developed for Dec 06 Board
Risk management		
E1	Risk Management Framework	Policy framework agreed by Audit Committee
E2	Statement of Internal Control and stewardship assurance packages	Final submissions from founding bodies received.
E3	Overall process for SIC for Natural England	To be finalised and reviewed at next Audit Committee
E4	Freedom of Information Policy	Draft developed for Board approval – Annex E
E5	Occupational Health and Safety Policy and Strategy	Signed off by Chair and Chief Executive; to be approved by Board – Annex F
Additional		
F1	Additional Board assistance and related duties	To be developed.