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******* DRAFT Agenda *******

Day 1

09.15 Registration / tea and coffee

10:00 Welcome and Introduction (Tim Minshull, University Geoscience UK and University of Southampton)

10:05 Session 1: The research landscape – setting the scene

Chair: Tim Minshull

Five talks of 12 minutes each on key aspects of the research landscape, key challenges and drivers, to set the context for subsequent discussions.

- NERC/RCUK/UKRI research landscape – *Beth House (NERC)*
- Global Challenges– *Sophie Laurie (NERC)*
- Europe and beyond, the international context – *(TBC)*
- An industry perspective – *Malcolm Brown (Geological Society of London)*
- Postgraduate training and the link to research – *Colin Snape (University of Nottingham)*

11:05 Questions and discussion

11:30 Session 2: What are the fundamental questions about how our planet works that we have not yet answered?

Chair: Chris Hawkesworth, University of Bristol

15 minutes introductory talk (Tony Watts, University of Oxford)

15 minutes for questions and discussion

12:00 Breakout group discussions

Briefing (Marie Edmonds, University of Cambridge)

4 thematic break-out groups, participants will be preassigned by discipline.

13:00 Lunch (Lower Library)

13:30 Breakout groups report back

10 minutes per group/; 5 minutes report and 5 minutes allowed for plenary discussion.



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14:10 Session 3: What are the societal demands and challenges our research needs to address (including: economic, resource provision, health, quality of life, environmental protection.).

15 minute introductory talk (Jon Gluyas, University of Durham)

1 hour facilitated discussion (Facilitator Ruth Allington, GWP)

15:40 Tea/coffee

16:10: Session 4: Technologies and capabilities

15 minute introductory talk (Mike Stephenson, British Geological Survey)

1 hour facilitated discussion (Damon Teagle, University of Southampton)

17.40 Summary and wrap up (Tim Minshull)

18.00 Close of business and Wine Reception

Day 2

09.30 Session 5: Conclusions and next steps

Review of day 1 (Marie Edmonds)

10.00 Breakout group discussions

10.45 Tea/coffee

11.15 Groups report back

10 minutes per group (5 minutes report, 5 minutes questions and comments)

12.15 What have we missed? – facilitated discussion (Tim Minshull)

13.00 Lunch

13.45 Session 6: Writing group only (steering group and discipline champions)

Writing group convene to prepare the draft report and any other agreed outputs

17.00 Close

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