



## BGS SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The British Geological Survey (BGS) is an applied geoscience research centre that is housed in UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and affiliated to the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC). It is a world leading geological survey that provides a core science mission to inform government of science related to the subsurface and its interfaces and also undertakes applied research for solutions to earth and environmental processes, both in the UK and globally. It is funded directly by UKRI as well as through research grants and via private sector contracts. BGS has an annual budget of approximately £60 million and employees 650 people. It has two main sites, a head office in Keyworth near Nottingham and the Lyell Centre, which is a joint collaboration with Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh. BGS works with more than 150 private sector organisations as well as having close links with 40 universities and sponsors approximately 100 PhD students each year.

UKRI – through the NERC - is reforming the governance and funding arrangements of the BGS. These reforms will better enable BGS to diversify and attract more external funding to ensure it can continue as a globally leading survey, delivering services and providing infrastructure support nationally and globally. A [new board of directors](#) has been appointed under the Chair, Sir Keith O’Nions.

As part of the new governance arrangements, BGS is establishing a Science Advisory Committee. The role of the committee will be to :

- Advise the BGS CEO and the Director of Science & Technology on the development and delivery of the overall science strategy for the BGS as a national and international centre of excellence for geosciences in a way that maximises and demonstrates its impact.
- Advise on funding and impact opportunities.
- Advise on the development and implementation of a process for evaluating the quality of BGS’s research.

Applications are invited for positions on the Science Advisory Committee from candidates who can demonstrate one or more of the following skills and experience :

- Recognised research leadership in earth science and environmental science
- A strong research track record, including peer-reviewed papers and grant success
- Extensive industrial experience in geological investigation and research
- Extensive experience in the management and use of environmental science data for socio-economic benefit.
- Evaluating the socio-economic impact of environmental and earth science research, and translating this into a form for dissemination to a wide range of stakeholders and the general public.
- A thorough understanding of, and experience of dealing with, the scientific requirements of government.

Reasonable travel and subsistence will be payable, along with an attendance fee of £170 (£230 for the Chair) per meeting, in accordance with NERC policy.

For further information and details on how to apply please see the [application pack](#).

The closing date for the receipt of applications is **noon (GMT) on Wednesday 5 September.**

**Interviews will be held in London on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.**

The inaugural Science Advisory Committee meeting will be held on **Friday 16 November at the BGS offices in Keyworth near Nottingham.**

BGS is committed to the principle of public appointment with openness and transparency of process and to providing equal opportunities for all, irrespective of race, age, disability, gender, marital status, religion, sexual orientation, transgender and working patterns. BGS is particularly keen to ensure diversity in membership of its Science Advisory Committee.