



**Stakeholder Group – 11 October 2011
Hooke Room, 76 Portland Place, London, W1B 1NT**

What sort of NREN does the UK need?

Purpose: This stakeholder meeting comes at a critical time in the consultation process with respect to the future shape and role of JISC and its relationship with the service companies who develop and manage JISC funded services. This meeting will take the form of a mix of presentation and workshop, chaired by John Townsend, Director of Corporate Information Services at Liverpool John Moores University.

Format: The morning session will explore the options for the scope of the UK's national research and education network company over the next 10 years. Two different approaches to the scope of a National Research and Education Network (NREN) will be described to initiate the discussion. In the afternoon possible options for organisation and governance will be outlined. This will set the context for the second workshop which will consider what might the optimal corporate arrangement be in the context of a changing funding landscape, while also being able to respond to customer need with agility and accuracy.

Outputs: Normal operating procedure is that the JANET(UK) Board has sight of the Stakeholder Group notes and holds the executives accountable for their response to the outcomes of the Group's discussions. On this occasion it is suggested that the meeting notes will be formalised, then circulated to the members giving them the opportunity to add an appendix with any further inputs that they may consider relevant. This document will then form an important source for the JANET(UK) Board meeting on the 25th October when these matters will be considered further as the Board decides the company's strategic position.

Agenda

10.30 **Coffee**

11.00 Introduction - What sort of NREN does the UK need? – John Townsend, Chair

11.10 Example 1 – A network focussed on needs of big research – Jeremy Sharp

11.25 Example 2 – A broad-ranging NREN in scope and participation – Bob Day

11.40 **Workshop** - What is the scope of the future UK NREN?

12.30 Plenary consolidation – John Townsend, Chair



12.45 **Lunch**

13.15 Introduction – Organisation/governance models – John Townsend, Chair

13.20 Organisational/governance options for a future UK NREN – Tim Marshall

13.40 **Workshop** – Shape of the future UK NREN?

15.00 Plenary consolidation and conclusions – John Townsend, Chair

15.30 **Tea**