



The one-hundred-and-first meeting of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee to be held at 0900 hours on 20 November 2014, at JNCC, Monkstone House, City Road, Peterborough, PE1 1JY

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Joint Nature Conservation Committee

Matters arising

This paper deals with points not covered by substantive items on the agenda. Numbers relate to the minutes of the September 2014 meeting. Reporting on action points from the September 2014 meeting is included in Annex 1.

1. Chairman's opening remarks

In September, Professor Gilligan reported that interviews had recently been held to fill two vacancies for independent members on Committee. Committee will be updated on the latest position at the November meeting.

4. Matters arising

At the September meeting, Mrs McQueen reported that, with the support of Defra Sponsorship, she had asked for the same delegated authority that Natural England has for the Chief Executive to approve external recruitments. This request is still being considered by Defra.

Annex 1. Action points from the September 2014 Committee meeting

| Agenda item | Action Point | Status |
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| 4.4 Matters arising (JNCC 14 N07) | Mr Rose to review the list of invitees to the protected Areas Workshop and circulate details to Committee. | Completed. |
| 5.3 Chief Executive's report on topical issues (JNCC 14 D05) | Country conservation bodies to consider where they might engage JNCC in liaison with NGOs. | Ongoing – no responses received to date. |
| 5.7 Chief Executive's report on topical issues (JNCC 14 D05) | Chief Scientists Group to finalise prioritisation and scheduling of the revision of part II of the SSSI Guidelines and arrange publication on the web. | Ongoing. JNCC is trying to get more detail on when each chapter revision is likely to be completed and to investigate if there is any possibility of bringing this date forward. A timetable will be published in due course. Meanwhile the JNCC website remains as it was at the time of September committee listing the chapters where revision is underway and the overall timetable for the work. |
| 8 JNCC funding options for 2015/16 (JNCC14 P11) (in confidence) | | |
| 9.7 Review of JNCC's strategy (JNCC14 P12) | Natural England to nominate and Natural Resources Wales to confirm members of the Committee's strategy sub group. | Completed. |
| 10 JNCC's offshore industry advice work | JNCC staff to continue discussions with DECC about how JNCC's advice is used. JNCC staff to prioritise work to review and fill offshore industry knowledge gaps. | In hand (this is continuous activity). In hand (this is continuous activity). |
| 11.2 RSPB request to the Joint Committee in relation to the assessment of the impacts of offshore wind farms on seabird populations (JNCC 14 | | |

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| P13) (in confidence) | | |
| 12 Any other business | Circulate House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee's 5 th report of session 2014-15 'An Environmental Scorecard' to Committee members | Completed. |