



The one hundred and seventh meeting of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee to be held at 0845 on 9 June 2016, at SNH Offices, Silvan House, 231 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh, EH12 7AT

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Executive summary

Sponsor director: Marcus Yeo

1. Action required

- 1.1. The Joint Committee is asked to **note** that a forward programme for the Joint Committee will be prepared for discussion at the September Committee meeting.

2. Key points

- 2.1. This paper summarises the work that will be undertaken to prepare a forward programme for the Joint Committee. A key element will be the development of a strategic multi-year plan for JNCC.
- 2.2. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will take place on Thursday 22 September in Peterborough. The December meeting will take place in Cambridge on Thursday 1 December. A Joint Committee event on the afternoon of Wednesday 30 November is being arranged at the David Attenborough building in Cambridge. Further details will follow, but members are asked to note the dates in their diaries. The ARAC meeting on Wednesday 30 November will take place in Peterborough, but will be moved to the morning to allow for those members to attend the JNCC event in the afternoon.

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Joint Committee forward programme

Paper by Marcus Yeo

1. Preparation of a structured forward programme for Joint Committee business has been hampered by uncertainty about JNCC's future role and priorities as the review of the organisation takes place. The review is scheduled to be completed in July, which should provide greater clarity for forward planning.
2. A new Committee forward programme will be drawn up over the summer, and will be presented to the Committee for discussion in September.
3. A key element of the new forward programme will be the development of a strategic multi-year plan for JNCC. It is anticipated that this will address the following issues:
 - i. implementing the recommendations of the JNCC review;
 - ii. reviewing and taking forward the draft JNCC strategy agreed by the Joint Committee in 2015;
 - iii. planning for further reductions in government funding while continuing to meet sponsors' priorities;
 - iv. diversifying and increasing income.
4. The strategic plan will cover all elements of JNCC's business, including the full range of back-office functions that are needed to support JNCC's evidence and advice functions.
5. The Committee forward programme will also incorporate core business such as reviewing quarterly performance reports and endorsing advice to governments (for example on marine protected areas).