



The one hundred and ninth meeting of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee to be held at 09.10 on 1 December 2016, at the David Attenborough Building, Pembroke St, Cambridge CB2 3QY

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Joint Nature Conservation Committee

Joint Committee self-assessment: update on agreed actions

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1. Introduction

1.1 In March 2016, members of the Joint Committee received a full report of the findings of a self-assessment questionnaire. The report concluded that the Committee was effective, identifying a significant number of strengths. The report also identified areas where Committee effectiveness could be improved and members subsequently agreed a set of actions to take forward.

2. Effectiveness review actions

2.1 Annex 1 provides an update on the actions agreed to increase Committee effectiveness. Good progress has been made in a number of areas and monitoring of implementation of actions will continue.

Annex 1

Update on Committee effectiveness actions

Action	December 2016 update
<i>Dashboard approach for performance information</i>	Completed.
<i>Increased interaction between staff and Committee members – Committee agreed that the preferred channels for enhanced interaction included workshops, presentations to staff, and Committee sub-groups</i>	<p>A natural capital metrics workshop took place in early July, chaired by Professor Gilligan. Further workshops and presentations to staff will be planned over the coming months.</p> <p>A new intranet page is being developed to enhance staff awareness of the Committee and increase interaction with members. This will include a 'Committee news' section with details of meetings members have attended or plan to attend as well as items of interest.</p>
<i>Relationships between JNCC and stakeholders</i>	Increasing engagement with sponsors was a recommendation in the JNCC Review Report and will be taken forward as part of the implementation plan.
<i>Consideration of risk at Committee meetings</i>	This action continues to evolve with the Chair of ARAC taking members through the quarterly significant risks as part of the discussion on performance reporting.
<i>Consideration of ARAC reports and the timing of ARAC meetings</i>	Completed.
<i>Induction procedures</i>	New induction procedures have recently been implemented with a formal structure now in place and meetings with relevant staff planned in advance, tailored to members' interests.