



The one-hundred-and-tenth meeting of the
Joint Nature Conservation Committee to be held at 08.45 on 2 March 2017,
at Defra, Nobel House, Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR

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Joint Nature Conservation Committee

Matters arising

There are no matters arising for this meeting.

A report on outstanding action points from previous meetings is attached at Annex 1. All other action points have been discharged.

Annex 2 contains a future ambition for open data agreed by the Chief Scientists Group.

Annex 1

Action points from Joint Committee meetings

September 2015 meeting

Action	Person responsible	Progress update
10.5 Implementing JNCC's strategy: JNCC's role in relation to natural capital (JNCC 15 27) Professor Georgina Mace to be invited to make the pre-dinner presentation at a future Committee meeting.	Mrs Quince	In hand – to be considered for a future meeting.

November 2015 meeting

Action	Person responsible	Progress update
6.4 Joint Committee effectiveness self-assessment and workshop AP04 A future pre-dinner discussion on Committee effectiveness to be arranged.	Mrs Quince/Professor Gilligan	In hand – date to be agreed.

March 2016

Action	Person responsible	Progress update
7.2 (vii) Risk management in JNCC (JNCC 16 05) AP03 Risk appetite to be further refined by a staff task and finish group. Refined statement to be presented to ARAC for comment and then presented to the Committee for approval in June.	Mrs McQueen	A revised risk appetite statement has been discussed by ARAC and is included in the paper on risk management for the March meeting of the Joint Committee.

September 2016

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7.5 Government review of JNCC (JNCC 16 26) AP04 Professor Gilligan to lead on a review of Committee sub-groups with proposals presented to the December Committee meeting.	Professor Gilligan	In hand – proposals now set to be presented to Committee in June 2017 as part of the paper on changes to governance arrangements.
14.5 Summary of progress with income generation (JNCC 16 32) AP09 Professor Gilligan to consider establishing an income generation sub-group as part of the review of all Committee sub-groups.	Professor Gilligan	In hand – will form part of changes to governance arrangements paper detailed above under AP04.

December 2016

Action	Person responsible	Progress update
6.3 Report from ARAC on 30 November AP01 Mrs McQueen to arrange for regular reminders to staff of the whistleblowing policy.	Mrs McQueen	In hand. Reminders will be added to the JNCC intranet.
8.3 Draft JNCC strategy and business plan for 2017/18 (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 16 39) AP02 Mr Yeo to circulate a summary of savings and pressures to Committee members in advance of the big room event.	Mr Yeo	Completed.
10.4 Open data: direction and aspirations (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 16 41) AP03 The Chief Scientists Group to agree a future ambition for open data.	Dr Gibson	Completed (see Annex 2)

<p>11.3 EU exit and JNCC (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 16 42) AP04 Mrs Quince to add EU exit to all future Joint Committee agendas until further notice.</p>	Mrs Quince	Completed.
<p>12.2 (iv) Performance report for quarter 2 2016/17 (JNCC 16 43) AP05 Mr Yeo to arrange for future performance reports to contain information on how staffing issues are being addressed.</p>	Mr Yeo	Completed.
<p>15.7 Report from the MPA sub-group (Oral) AP06 Professor Galbraith to ask ARAC to consider the range of options for commissioning an independent science review of JNCC and report back to a future Joint Committee meeting.</p>	Professor Galbraith	To be progressed.
<p>16.2 and 16.3 Joint Committee forward programme (JNCC 16 46) AP07 Mrs Quince to make the changes to the forward programme detailed in paragraphs 16.2 and 16.3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a discussion on communications • updates on international issues • MCZs (now intersessional between December and March) 	Mrs Quince	Completed.

Annex 2

By 2020...

- As their contributions to the Open Data initiatives of the governments of the UK, JNCC and the SNCBs will make all biodiversity data they wholly collect or commission openly available within 2 years at the level of detail originally captured.
- All biodiversity data collected or mobilised with support from public funding will be made openly available, possibly at a reduced level of detail within 2 years and fully open at the level of detail originally captured within 5 years.
- Environmentally sensitive data will be made openly available at the same timescales wherever their detail can be reduced such that harm will not occur. Sensitivities will be reviewed regularly by the funders and records made fully available once they are no longer deemed sensitive.