



The one hundred and nineteenth meeting of the
Joint Nature Conservation Committee to be held
at 08.45 on 6 June 2019 at The Park Avenue Hotel, 158 Holywood Road,
Belfast, BT4 1PB

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Joint Nature Conservation Committee

Update on external factors affecting JNCC

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Executive Summary

1. Action required

1.1. The Joint Committee is asked to:

- i. **identify** any changes in the external environment that are relevant to the implementation of JNCC's strategy and business plan;
- ii. **provide updates** on any significant changes within the country nature conservation bodies or government administrations.

2. Key issues

- 2.1. JNCC's strategy for 2017-2020 sets the direction for JNCC over the next three years. JNCC's business plan for 2018/19 contains the work programme for the current year.
- 2.2. Implementation of the strategy and business plan will need to take account of changes in the external environment. The Joint Committee has an important role in identifying relevant factors, which may be:
 - i. Political
 - ii. Economic
 - iii. Sociological
 - iv. Technological
 - v. Environmental
 - vi. Legal
- 2.3. In addition to raising any wider issues, this agenda item provides an opportunity for Committee members to provide updates on any significant changes within the country nature conservation bodies or government administrations.