



The one hundred and fortieth meeting of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee to be held at 15.30 on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and 09.00 on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to be held at the Park Plaza Riverbank hotel 18 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TJ

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## Joint Nature Conservation Committee

### Joint Committee forward programme

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### Executive Summary

#### 1. Action required

1.1 The Joint Committee is asked to:

- i. **Discuss and agree** the forward programme contained in Annex 1 and suggest any additional items.
- ii. **Note** the dates and locations of Committee meetings for 2024-2025 in Annex 2 (table 1). The dates for 2025 may be subject to change following further discussions on the proposals in the intersessional paper received in August (JNCC 24 31P). Members agreed at the August intersessional to discuss further before committing to any changes.
- iii. **Note** the importance of Joint Committee meetings to be quorate. Quoracy is one member from each of the statutory nature conservation bodies and two independent members, including the Chair. All in person meetings will have a hybrid option for those unable to attend in person.

#### 2. Key issues

- 2.1 This paper contains a forward programme for the Joint Committee to December 2024 in Annex 1. The forward programme should be seen as a key document that evolves through members' input as well as the Executive. Forward programmes for meetings in 2025 are not included as these may be subject to change following discussion on meeting formats, however items that were due to go to the March 2025 meeting have been retained so members can see the items coming up at the first meeting in 2025.
- 2.2 The tables in Annex 2 include a list of meeting dates and locations for Joint Committee meetings for 2024-25 (table 1); dates for intersessional Joint Committee meetings 2024-25 (table 2); Joint Committee sub-group meeting dates for 2024 (table 3) and planned JNCC events in 2024 (table 4).

- 2.3 The next meeting of the Joint Committee is proposed to take place on Wednesday 4 December.

## Annex 1

### Joint Committee forward programme

	4 December 2024 Online	Next meeting (date and location to be agreed)
<b>Strategic direction and review</b>		
JNCC stakeholder relationship strategy		
UK Overseas Territories Biodiversity Strategy	X	
Outcomes of CBD COP16	X	
Update on UK Biodiversity Indicators	X	
Biodiversity Pathways: progress and next steps	X	
Progress with the UK Air Pollution Assessment Service	X	
Update on JNCC's land use prioritisation work		X
Progress on linking decisions on domestic production to broader global impacts		X
QQR - risks and considerations	X	
<b>Standing items</b>		
Matters arising and actions update	X	X
Committee sub-group reports.	X	X
Joint Committee forward programme	X	X

	4 December 2024 Online	Next meeting (date and location to be agreed)
Report from the Chief Scientists Group	x	x
Strategic updates from around the UK	x	x
CEO report on topical issues	x	x
Quarterly risk updates	x	x
<b>Performance and reporting</b>		
Quarterly corporate performance reports	x	x
<b>Governance and risk management</b>		
Joint Committee working objectives		x
Risk management in JNCC (annual paper, incl risk appetite review)		x
Revised schedule of delegations	x	
<b>Business planning and funding</b>		
Business Planning 2025/26	x	x
Spending review	x	

## Annex 2

**Table 1**

<b>Joint Committee meeting dates and locations 2024-2025</b>	
<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Location</b>
4 December 2024	Online (reduced to one day)
*5/6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	**England (Location to be agreed)
*18/19 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	**TBC
*10/11 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	**Scotland (Location to be agreed)
*3/4 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	**TBC

\* 2025 dates and locations subject to review following further discussions on format and timings of meetings.

**Table 2**

<b>Intersessional Joint Committee meetings 2024-2025</b>	
<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Location</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 15.15-16.45	Virtual
17 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 14.00-15.30	Virtual
19 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 14.00-15.30	Virtual
18 <sup>th</sup> August 14.00-15.30	Virtual
17 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 14.00-15.30	Virtual

**Table 3**

<b>Committee sub-group meeting dates 2024</b>		
<b>Sub-group</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
ARAC	10 September 2024	London
	2 December 2024	Virtual
People Committee	10 September 2024	London
	2 December 2024	Virtual
Remuneration sub-committee	10 September 2024	London
International and Overseas Territories sub-group	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024	Virtual
Marine sub-group	No meetings scheduled at present	Virtual

**Table 4**

<b>JNCC events 2024</b>		
<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
In-person JNCC staff conference	25 September 2024	Manchester
Overseas Territories event	TBC	TBC
SNCB/JNCC/eNGO 30x30 workshop	TBC	TBC