



The one hundred and thirty-sixth meeting of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee to be held at 11.00 on Wednesday 13th September 2023 and 09.00 on Thursday 14th September 2023, at JNCC's offices, Inverdee House, Baxter Street, Aberdeen AB11 9QA

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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; and
- ii. **note** the list of engagement event themes in Annex 2 (table 1) and the dates and locations of Committee meetings for 2023-24 in Annex 2 (table 2).
- 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, excluding 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 March 2024 in Annex 1. The forward programme should be seen as a key document that evolves through members' input as well as the Executive.
- 2.2 The tables in Annex 2 include a list of engagement event themes 2023-25 (table 1); a list of meeting dates and locations for Joint Committee meetings for 2023-25 (table 2); dates for intersessional Joint Committee meetings 2023-25 (table 3); Joint Committee sub-group meeting dates for 2023 (table 4) and planned JNCC events 2023-24 (table 5).
- 2.3 The next meeting of the Joint Committee will take place on 22nd and 23rd November online. An engagement event is planned for the afternoon of the 22nd and the theme will be strategic priority 3 – 'Align action for nature and climate change'.

Annex 1

Joint Committee forward programme

	November 2023 Virtual	March 2024 Cardiff	June 2024 Virtual
Strategic direction and review			
International Roadmap	x		
Aligning action for nature and climate: analysis / strategy	x		
Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and climate	x		
Briefing for the engagement event: SP3 Align action for nature and climate change	x		
JNCC stakeholder relationship strategy	x		
Integrating nature into decision making – socio-economics SP6		x	
GBF updates: UK Biodiversity Indicators		x	
Update on activities and a forward look into work in the Overseas Territories		x	

	November 2023 Virtual	March 2024 Cardiff	June 2024 Virtual
Discussion on the results of the stakeholder survey			
Update on GBF: monitoring framework			X
Standing items			
Matters arising and actions update	X	X	X
Committee sub-group reports.	X	X	X
Joint Committee forward programme	X	X	X
Report from the Chief Scientists Group	X	X	X
Strategic updates from around the UK	X	X	X
CEO report on topical issues	X	X	X
Performance and reporting			
Quarterly corporate performance reports	X	X	
End of year performance report			X

	November 2023 Virtual	March 2024 Cardiff	June 2024 Virtual
Governance and risk management			
End of year report on Joint Committee working objectives 2023/24 and new objectives for 2024/25		x	
Risk management in JNCC		x	
ARAC Annual Report			x
Business planning and funding			
Discussion on the Business plan and KPI's 2024/25	x		
Final draft Business Plan and KPI's 2024/25		x	

Annex 2

Table 1

ENGAGEMENT EVENTS 2023 - 2025

Date of engagement event	Type of engagement	Theme
22nd November 2023	Virtual event	SP3 Align action for nature and climate change
6 th March 2024	In-person event in Cardiff	SP6 Integrating the value of nature into decision-making
19 th June 2024	Virtual event	SP4 Innovate and advance our learning
11 th September 2024	In-person event in Quay House, Peterborough	SP5 Support transitions to sustainable blue/green economies
4 th December 2024	Virtual event	Strategic priority theme TBC
5 th March 2025	In-person event in England	Strategic priority theme TBC
18 th June 2025	Virtual event	TBC
10 th September 2025	In-person event in Scotland	TBC
3 rd December 2025	Virtual event	TBC

Table 2

Joint Committee meeting dates and locations 2023-2025	
Meeting date	Location
22/23 rd November 2023	Virtual
6/7 th March 2024	Cardiff
19/20 th June 2024	Virtual
11/12 th September 2024	Quay House, Peterborough

4/5 th December 2024	Virtual
5/6 th March 2025	England (Location to be agreed)
18/19 th June 2025	Virtual
10/11 th September 2025	Scotland (Location to be agreed)
3/4 th December 2025	Virtual

Table 3

Intersessional Joint Committee meetings 2023-2025	
Meeting date	Location
30 th October 2023 15.00-16.30	Virtual
29 th January 2024 15.00-16.30	Virtual
29 th April 2024 14.00-15.30	Virtual
30 th July 2024 14.00-15.30	Virtual
28 th October 2024 14.00-15.30	Virtual
27 th January 2025 14.00-15.30	Virtual
29 th April 2025 14.00-15.30	Virtual
29 th July 14.00-15.30	Virtual
28 th October 2025 14.00-15.30	Virtual

Table 4

Committee sub-group meeting dates 2023		
Sub-group	Date	Location
ARAC	11 th September 2023	Virtual
	20 th November 2023	Virtual
People Committee	11 th September 2023	Virtual
	8 th November 2023	In-person, Peterborough

Remuneration sub-committee	March 2024 (date tbc)	Virtual
International sub-group	18 th October 2023	Virtual
	Future dates to be agreed	
Marine sub-group	Future dates to be agreed	Virtual
UK coordination sub-group	10 th October 2023	Virtual
	Future dates to be agreed	Virtual