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1. Proposal

1.1 This paper outlines the Joint Committee forward programme through to December 2028, with provisional dates provided.

1.2 Annex 1 of the paper contains the forward programme table for December 2026 and February 2027 meetings, detailing proposed agenda items under strategic, governance, and business planning categories.

1.3 Annex 2 contains:

- Table 1: Main Joint Committee meeting dates and locations (December 2026 – December 2028).
- Table 2: Intersessional Joint Committee meeting dates (November 2026 – December 2028).
- Table 3: Sub-committee meeting schedules for 2026 (ARAC, People & Culture, Remuneration Committee, Chief Scientists Group).

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Joint Committee forward programme

	9 December (Online)	9-10 February (Wales)
Strategic direction and review		
Outcomes and implications of the COPs	x	
Actions to address biodiversity targets (KMGBF/NBSAP)	x	x
Future Nature		x
Standing items		
Minutes and Matters Arising	x	x
CEO Report	x	x
Sub-Committee reports: ARAC and PCC	x	x
Report from the Chief Scientists Group	x	x
Joint Committee forward programme	x	x
Performance and reporting		
Quarterly Performance Update	x	x
Business Plan 2027-28		x
Significant Risks and Opportunities 2027-28		x
Progress towards meeting Committee working objectives	x	
Joint Committee and JNCC Support Co. Board Standing Orders		x

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Annex 2

Table 1

Joint Committee meeting dates and locations 2026 to 2028	
Meeting date	**Location**
9 December 2026	Online
9/10 February 2027	Wales
11/12 May 2027	Scotland
10 August 2027	Online
2/3 November 2027	Northern Ireland
8/9 February 2028	England
9/10 May 2028	Wales
8 August 2028	Online
31 October/1 November 2028	Scotland

Table 2

Intersessional Joint Committee meetings 2026 to 2028	
Meeting date	**Location**
9 November 2026 14.00-15.30	Online
9 March 2027 14.00-15.30	Online
15 June 2027 14.00-15.30	Online
14 September 2027 14.00-15.30	Online
7 December 2027 14.00-15.30	Online
14 March 2028 14.00-15.30	Online
13 June 2028 14.00-15.30	Online
19 September 2028 14.00-15.30	Online
5 December 2028 14.00-15.30	Online

Table 3

Sub-committee meeting dates 2026		
Sub-committee	**Date**	**Location**
ARAC	1 December 2026	Peterborough
People and Culture Committee	1 December 2026	Peterborough
Remuneration Committee	7 September 2026	Online

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Chief Scientists Group	7/8 October 2026	Northern Ireland
	17 December 2026	Online