



The one hundred and twenty-eighth meeting of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee to be held at 11.00 on 15 September 2021 and 09.30 on 16 September 2021 virtually via Microsoft Teams

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Joint Nature Conservation Committee

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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 new strategy sets the direction for JNCC for the next five years. JNCC's business plan for 2021/22 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.