



**The one hundred and forty-fourth meeting of the
Joint Nature Conservation Committee held on 9 and 10 September
2025 in Peterborough**

Paper JNCC 25 45I: Joint Committee Forward Programme

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Joint Committee forward programme

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1. Proposal

- 1.1 This paper contains a forward programme for the Joint Committee to December 2025 in Annex 1. The forward programme is a key document that evolves through members' input as well as the Executive.
- 1.2 The tables in Annex 2 include a list of dates and locations for Joint Committee meetings for 2025-2027 (table 1); dates for intersessional Joint Committee meetings 2025-2027 (table 2); Joint Committee sub-committee dates for 2025-2027 where diarised and sub-group meeting dates for 2025 (table 3).
- 1.3 The next intersessional meeting of the Joint Committee will take place on Monday 17 November. Intersessional meetings are informal catch ups ahead of the next main meeting and only include papers where a decision or discussion is necessary before the next meeting. The exception to this is the quarterly performance report where members are required to comment ahead of the report being shared with Defra.
- 1.4 The next main meeting of the Joint Committee will take place on Wednesday 3 December. This will be a full day online meeting.

Annex 1

Joint Committee forward programme

	3 December 2025 (Online) (May include a JNCC team presentation on a topical issue).	24/25 March (Quay House, Peterborough)
Strategic direction and review		
JNCC Programme of Change (our transformation programme)		x
Reprioritisation of resources to key Spending Review outcomes	x	
Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) 12 – consider opportunities for parallel events	x	
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Conference Of Parties (CoP) 20 Outcomes – consider implications/follow-up of CoP outcomes		x
Implications of the Planning & Infrastructure Bill in for JNCC (may be included in matter arising rather than a full)	x	
Standing items		
Matters arising and actions update	x	x

	3 December 2025 (Online) (May include a JNCC team presentation on a topical issue).	24/25 March (Quay House, Peterborough)
Committee sub-group and sub-committee reports (now annually from each thematic sub-group)	x	x
Joint Committee forward programme	x	x
Report from the Chief Scientists Group	x	x
UK strategic learning discussion (different topic for each meeting)	x	x
CEO report on topical issues	x	x
Performance and reporting		
Quarterly corporate performance reports and update on programme of change	x	x
Governance and risk management		
Chief Scientists Group terms of reference	x	
Joint Committee/Company Board standing orders	x	
JNCC risk appetite review	x	
Progress towards meeting Joint Committee working objectives 2025/26	x	
Risk management in JNCC		x
Business planning and funding		
Business planning 2026/27 and update on spending review phase 2	x	

	3 December 2025 (Online) (May include a JNCC team presentation on a topical issue).	24/25 March (Quay House, Peterborough)
Draft business plan 2026/27		x

Annex 2

Table 1

Joint Committee meeting dates and locations 2025 to 2027	
Meeting date	Location
3 December 2025	Online
25/26 March 2026	Peterborough
24/25 June 2026	Northern Ireland
16 September 2026	York
9 December 2026	Online
17/18 March 2027	Peterborough
23/24 June 2027	Wales
22 September 2027	Aberdeen
1 December 2027	Online

Table 2

Intersessional Joint Committee meetings 2025 to 2027	
Meeting date	Location
17 November 2025 14.00-15.30	Online
9 February 2026 14.00-15.30	Online
11 May 2026 14.00-15.30	Online
10 August 2026 14.00-15.30	Online
9 November 2026 14.00-15.30	Online
8 February 2027	Online
10 May 2027 14.00-15.30	Online
9 August 2027 14.00-15.30	Online
8 November 2027 14.00-15.30	Online

Table 3

Sub-committee meeting dates 2025 to 2027		
Sub-committee	Date	Location
ARAC	18 November 2025	Online
	11 March 2026	Peterborough
	10 June 2026	Online
	2 September 2026	Peterborough
	25 November 2026	Online
	3 March 2027	Peterborough
	9 June 2027	Online
	8 September 2027	Peterborough
	17 November 2027	Online
People & Culture Committee	18 November 2025	Online
	12 March 2026	Peterborough
	11 June 2026	Online
	3 September 2026	Peterborough
	26 November 2026	Online
	4 March 2027	Peterborough
	10 June 2027	Online
	9 September 2027	Peterborough
	18 November 2027	Online
Remuneration sub-committee	Dates to be agreed	

Chief Scientists Group	8 and 9 October 2025	Edinburgh
	15 December 2025	Online
	4 and 5 March 2026	Wales
	3 June 2026	Online
	7 and 8 October 2026	Northern Ireland
	17 December 2026	Online
Sub-group meeting dates 2025		
Sub-group		
International and Overseas Territories sub-group	15 October 2025	Online
Marine sub-group	Dates to be agreed	Online