



The one hundred and thirty-seventh meeting of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee to be held at 11.00 on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 and 09.30 on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 to be held virtually via MS Teams

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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 September 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). Please note the 2025 meetings table is still showing 2 in-person and 2 virtual meetings. This will be reviewed once a new JNCC Chair is in place.

- 2.3 The next meeting of the Joint Committee will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March in Cardiff. A field trip is being planned for the 5<sup>th</sup>. An engagement event is planned for the afternoon of the 6<sup>th</sup> and the theme will be strategic priority 6 “Integrating the value of nature into decision-making”, with an emphasis on socio economics and innovative finance.

## Annex 1

### Joint Committee forward programme

	<b>March 2024 Cardiff SP6 Integrating the value of nature into decision- making</b>	<b>June 2024 Peterborough SP4 Innovate and advance our learning</b>	<b>September 2024 London SP5 Support transitions to sustainable blue/green economies</b>
<b>Strategic direction and review</b>			
Strategic roadmaps – International/UK Coordination/Marine	x		
JNCC stakeholder relationship strategy	x		
Integrating nature into decision making – socio-economics SP6	x		
GBF updates: UK Biodiversity Indicators	x	x	x
Update on activities and a forward look into work in the UK Overseas Territories	x		

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<b>Standing items</b>			
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
Feedback on engagement event	x	x	x
<b>Performance and reporting</b>			
Quarterly corporate performance reports	x		x
End of year performance report		x	

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<b>Governance and risk management</b>			
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	
Mid-year review of Committee working objectives			x
<b>Business planning and funding</b>			
Final draft Business Plan and KPI's 2024/25	x		
Spending review	x	x	

## Annex 2

Table 1

### ENGAGEMENT EVENTS 2023 - 2025

Date of engagement event	Type of engagement	Theme
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	In-person event in Cardiff	SP6 Integrating the value of nature into decision-making
19 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	In-person event in Peterborough	SP4 Innovate and advance our learning
11 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	In- person event in London	SP5 Support transitions to sustainable blue/green economies
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Virtual event	SP1 Respond to the global biodiversity crisis
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	In-person event in England	SP7 Invest in our People
18 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Virtual event	TBC
10 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	In-person event in Scotland	TBC
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025	Virtual event	TBC

Table 2

Joint Committee meeting dates and locations 2023-2025	
Meeting date	Location
6/7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Cardiff
19/20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Quay House, Peterborough
11/12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	London

4/5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	TBC
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

Table 3

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

**Table 4**

<b>Committee sub-group meeting dates 2023</b>		
<b>Sub-group</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
ARAC	20th November 2023	Quay House, Peterborough
	5th March 2024	Cardiff
	17th June 2024	Quay House, Peterborough
	9th September 2024	London
	2nd December 2024	Virtual
People Committee	21st November 2023	Quay House, Peterborough
	5th March 2024	Cardiff
	17th June 2024	Quay House, Peterborough
	9th September 2024	London
	2nd December 2024	Virtual
Remuneration sub-committee	5th March 2024	Cardiff
	17th June 2024	Quay House, Peterborough
International and Overseas Territories sub-group	17th January 2024	Virtual
Marine sub-group	17th November 2023	Virtual
	8th December 2023	Virtual
UK coordination sub-group	Dates to be confirmed	Virtual