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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 September and December 2026 meetings, detailing confirmed agenda items under strategic, governance, and business planning categories.

1.3 Annex 2 contains:

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

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Joint Committee forward programme

	15/16 September 2026 (York) Theme: Climate	**9 December (Online)**
Strategic direction and review		
Pathway to CBD COP17 including update on thresholds and assessment of actions needed to achieve GBF/NBSAP targets, including a focus on a subset of targets (tbi)	x	x
Biodiversity Indicators	x	
Update on climate work and alignment with Climate Change Committee	x	
Overview of JNCC Marine work	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
Annual Report on Sustainability	x	
Annual Report on Health and Safety	x	

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Table 1

Joint Committee meeting dates and locations 2026 to 2028	
Meeting date	**Location**
15/16 September 2026	York
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**
10 August 2026 14.00-15.30	Online
9 November 2026 14.00-15.30	Online
9 March 2027 14.00-15.30	Online
16 June 2027 14.00-15.30	Online
14 September 2027 14.00-15.30	Online
1 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	9 September 2026	Online
	1 December 2026	Peterborough
People and Culture Committee	9 September 2026	Peterborough
	1 December 2026	Peterborough

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Remuneration sub-committee	Date to be agreed	
Chief Scientists Group	15 July 2026	Online
	7/8 October 2026	Northern Ireland
	17 December 2026	Online