



The one hundred and twenty-ninth meeting of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee to be held at 11.00 on 1 December 2021 and 09.30 on 2 December 2021 virtually via Microsoft Teams

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Matters Arising

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1. There are no matters arising for this meeting. A report on outstanding action points from previous meetings is attached at Annex 1. All other action points have been discharged.

Annex 1. Action points from Joint Committee meetings

March 2021

Action	Person responsible	Progress update
<p>14.3 Air pollution: taking a new breath at JNCC (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 21 10) AP10 Ms Zappala to provide an update on JNCC's work on air pollution to a future Joint Committee meeting.</p>	Ms Zappala	Timing to be agreed.
<p>19.1.i Joint Committee forward programme (Official) (JNCC 21 15) AP12 Mrs Elliott to invite Professor Gilligan and Mr Yeo to the Committee dinner in Edinburgh in September.</p>	Mrs Elliott	Action moved to March 2022 meeting.

June 2021

Action	Person responsible	Progress update
<p>6.5 Chief Executive's Report on Topical Issues (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 21 18) AP01 Dr Harper to check reason for charge to receive digital copies of JNCC documents from the National Archives.</p>	Dr Harper	Complete. The National Archives have confirmed their services to Government operate on a cost recovery basis. The cost to digitise and transfer the relevant files for JNCC is £96.
<p>6.8 Chief Executive's Report on Topical Issues (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 21 18) AP03 Professor Maggs to liaise with the CNCBs to share examples of good practice in relation to EDI.</p>	Professor Maggs	Completed. Oral presentation provided to CSG who agreed that this is a matter of common interest.
<p>8.10 Marine Natural Capital at JNCC (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 21 19) AP06 Joint Committee to have a further discussion around the direction of monitoring work in relation to Marine Natural Capital.</p>	Professor Maggs	Marine NCEA funding and hence programme still under negotiation for SR21 in during November. Joint Committee input would be appreciated at the March 2022 meeting when a draft

Professor Maggs to agree the timing of this item by the September meeting.		work programme will be available.
13.4.ii Report from the Chief Scientists Group (CSG) (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 21 22) AP10 Professor Galbraith, Dr Harper and Professor Maggs to discuss in July the possibility of organising an event around SSSI designations.	Professor Galbraith/Dr Harper/Professor Maggs	Deferred. Still to be discussed - have been unable to progress due to other high priority matters.
18.4.i Update on Fletton Quays (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 21 27) AP13 Mr Brooks to organise the completion of an exercise to understand how Fletton Quays will be used by JNCC staff and report back to the committee at the December 2021 meeting.	Mr Collins	Complete. Included in Fletton Quays update paper.
18.4.ii Update on Fletton Quays (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 21 27) AP14 Communications Team to look at how JNCC will be perceived in Fletton Quays and look at the opportunities of co-habitation and report back to the committee in December 2021.	Communications Team	This action feeds into the above (AP13) and will be presented in the Fletton Quays paper to the Joint Committee.

September 2021

Action	Person responsible	Progress update
6.3.i. Report from the Chief Scientists Group (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 21 38P) AP01. Professor Maggs to produce a short intersessional paper between the September and December meetings, providing a synopsis on the scope of the SSSI revisions work.	Professor Maggs	SSSI update will be included in the CSG report in December.

<p>7.2 Broader opportunities around JNCC's engagement with the Spending Review (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 21 35P) AP02. Dr Wilkinson to consider which themes could be brought back to Committee for further discussion at intersessional meetings and briefing sessions before the December meeting</p>	Dr Wilkinson	Complete. A series of Committee engagement sessions have been proposed focusing on monitoring and mainstreaming. These will enable discussion of the relevant areas within a broader context.
<p>5.2 Report from Joint Committee sub-groups (Official-sensitive) (Oral) AP04. Professor Galbraith to provide a draft paper for the intersessional Joint Committee meeting in November setting out a suggested remit for a time-limited marine sub-group which aligned marine expertise with policy needs.</p>	Professor Galbraith	In progress
<p>5.4 Report from Joint Committee sub-groups (Official-sensitive) (Oral) AP05. Dr Wilkinson to present a paper to the December meeting setting out a proposed remit for the International sub-group.</p>	Dr Wilkinson	Deferred to the March 2022 meeting. Initial internal work is reviewing existing international instruments and reporting which will give a stronger focus to the group. Separate work is also looking at building the broader strategy around the international work.
<p>5.3 Report from Joint Committee sub-groups (Official-sensitive) (Oral) AP06. Dr Williams to circulate recent MEA reports to Joint Committee members.</p>	Dr Williams	In progress. Reports with Defra for sign off.
<p>8.2 Updates from around the UK (Official) (JNCC 21 39P) AP12. Professor Winter to provide further feedback on the point raised in relation to interpretation of SSSI guidelines in respect of the Cotswold Water Park SSSI notification, when appropriate, as the learning might have an impact on JNCC's revisions to guidelines in the future.</p>	Professor Winter	Natural England's review of the 'lessons learned' from the complex Cotswold Water Park notification is on-going and will come to the Natural England ARAC in December before recommendations are presented to the Board.

9.1 Performance report for Q1 2021/2022 (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 21 40I) AP13. Mr Collins to liaise with other organisations by the next meeting in December, to gather learning from them on managing conflicting demands.	Mr Collins	Complete. Regular meetings in place with MMO/Cefas/NE.
9.3.iii Performance report for Q1 2021/2022 (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 21 40I) AP14. Professor Maggs to report to ARAC in November on risk assessments for data sharing with Chinese organisations.	Professor Maggs	Complete. Statement included in ARAC matters arising.