



## JNCC Support Co 34th Meeting Minutes Confirmed

**Date:** 6 June 2019

**Time:** 13.00

**Venue:** The Park Avenue Hotel, 158 Holywood Road, Belfast, BT4 1PB

### **Present**

**Professor Melanie Austen**  
Independent Member

**Mr Charles Banner**  
Independent Member

**Professor Ian Bateman**  
Independent member

**Professor Colin Galbraith**  
Independent Member

**Professor Chris Gilligan**  
Independent Chair

**Dr Hilary Kirkpatrick**  
Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside

**Professor Steve Ormerod**  
Natural Resources Wales

**Professor Marian Scott**  
Independent Member

**Professor Michael Winter**  
Natural England

**Mr Marcus Yeo**  
JNCC

### **In attendance**

**Mr Chris Brooks**  
JNCC Company Secretary

**Mrs Tracey Quince**  
JNCC

**Ms Emer O'Connor (via telephone)**  
JNCC

## Apologies

Lord David Blencathra  
Natural England

Dr Mike Cantlay  
Scottish Natural Heritage

Ms Cath Denholm  
Scottish Natural Heritage

Sir David Henshaw  
Natural Resources Wales

Professor Howard Platt  
Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside

### **1 Chairman's opening remarks**

- 1.1. Professor Gilligan welcomed everyone to the thirty-fourth meeting of the JNCC Support Company Board of Directors.

### **2 Declaration of interests**

- 2.1 No interests were declared.

### **3 Amendments to the minutes of the June 2018 Board meeting (BD 19 01)**

- 3.1 The minutes of the June 2018 Board meeting were agreed.

### **4 Matters arising (BD 19 02)**

- 4.1 There were no matters arising from the June 2018 Board meeting. Reporting on action points from the June 2018 meeting was included in Annex 1. The one action had been discharged. Changes to directorships during the year were noted.

### **5 JNCC Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 (BD 19 03)**

- 5.1 Ms O'Connor introduced the paper which presented the JNCC Annual Report and Accounts (ARA) for the year ending 31 March 2019.
- 5.2 The Board was advised that the ARA had been reviewed by Mr Nigel Reader on behalf of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC). ARAC had

discussed the ARA the previous day and members were content to recommend to the Board that the Board approves and adopts the ARA for 2018/19.

- 5.3 The Board was advised that the Chief Executive would sign the Annual Report and Accounts on behalf of the Company Board immediately after the board meeting.
- 5.4 The Board:
- i. **approved and adopted** the JNCC Annual Reports and Accounts (ARA) for the year ending 31 March 2019. The Board delegated sign off of the ARA to Mr Yeo;
  - ii. **authorised** the Company Secretary to lodge the accounts with Companies House;
  - iii. **authorised** the Chief Executive to arrange for the accounts to be laid before the Houses of Parliament and the Scottish Parliament; and
  - iv. **authorised** the Chief Executive to sign the letter of representation for the year ended 31 March 2019.
- 5.5 The Board passed on their thanks to the staff involved in the production of the ARA, noting the tremendous effort expended to bring the ARA together.