



The one hundred and thirty-fifth meeting of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee to be held at 11.00 on Wednesday 7th June 2023 and 09.30 on Thursday 8th June 2023, at Northern Counties Ballroom, Bishopsgate Hotel, 24 Bishop St, Londonderry, BT48 6PP

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Matters arising and actions update

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Executive Summary

1. A report on outstanding action points from previous meetings is attached at Annex 1. All other action points have been discharged.
2. At the November 2022 Joint Committee meeting, members discussed the results of the Joint Committee effectiveness review and agreed a set of actions arising from the results of this survey. An update on these actions is provided at annex 2.

Annex 1: Action Points Table Joint Committee 2022 to 2023

March 2022

Action	Person responsible	Progress update
Meeting Day 2		
6.6 Report from Committee sub-groups (Official-sensitive) (Oral) AP12. Dr Wilkinson to develop a workshop/engagement event in the next 12 months, for Committee members to take a strategic look at international reporting and to consider opportunities for streamlining reporting requirements across conventions.	Ms Askew/Ms Stoker	On hold. There have been significant cuts to JNCC's reserved funding and one of the elements that has been dropped out is streamlining the UK's international reporting. Discussions are underway with Defra.

Sept 2022

Action	Person responsible	Progress update
Meeting Day 2		
3.6 Feedback on renewables engagement event (Official-Sensitive) (Oral) AP07 Dr Goold and Dr Harper to consider the options to develop a time limited, cross agency task force, to develop the vision in this work area.	Dr Goold/Dr Harper	Largely superseded by the marine roadmap process in terms of the vision. Country SNCBs have not requested a visioning piece from JNCC but instead look for specific areas of support, such as ecological coherence in the context of habitat and species compensatory measures.

March 2023

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Meeting Day 1		
6.5 Global nature context and implications for the UK (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC)	Ms Askew/Ms Stoker	In progress. Team Leaders have been commissioned to deliver components of the roadmap in

<p>23 06P) AP01 Ms Askew and Ms Stoker to prioritise the MEAs that JNCC provides scientific advice to and those JNCC could provide advice to as part of the international roadmap and provide a paper later in the year setting out the international roadmap in more detail.</p>		<p>Q1, which will be brought together in Q2 into a paper for Joint Committee at the November meeting. This includes prioritisation of the MEAs.</p>
<p>7.6 JNCC Strategy 2030 – “Together for Nature” (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 23 07D) AP02 Dr Harper to provide feedback to members on comments made by Defra on the set of KPI’s for 2023/24 after the first Ministerial Delivery Meeting.</p>	<p>Dr Harper</p>	<p>Ministerial Delivery Meeting scheduled for June 2023.</p>
<p>Meeting Day 2</p>		
<p>3.3 Feedback on the CBD engagement event (Official-Sensitive) (Oral) AP07 Dr Wilkinson to provide an update paper for the June 2023 meeting on progress towards implementing the actions agreed at the March engagement event.</p>	<p>Dr Wilkinson</p>	<p>Complete. Paper to be discussed at the June meeting.</p>
<p>4.4.i JNCC business plan 2023 to 2024 including budget scenarios (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 23 10D) AP08 Committee thematic sub-groups to check targets have been assigned to the correct strategic priorities and provide Mr Collins with any comments.</p>	<p>Committee thematic sub-groups</p>	<p>In progress.</p>
<p>4.4.v JNCC business plan 2023 to 2024 including budget scenarios (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 23 10D) AP09 Mr Collins to add an additional column to the KPI table to highlight where there are links to more than one strategic priority.</p>	<p>Mr Collins</p>	<p>ELT agreed to focus on the development and use of key milestones for the year. These have been submitted to Defra ahead of the ministerial performance review in May. Further development of our outcome focused KPIs is planned for later in the year.</p>

<p>5.2.i Reports from ARAC and People Committee (Presentation) AP10 Mr Collins to provide feedback to Professor Galbraith on his initial meeting with the Defra Group Corporate Services discovery phase project manager on 9th March.</p>	<p>Mr Collins</p>	<p>Professor Galbraith wrote to Defra to express concerns about this project. This letter was shared with Committee members. Discussions continue between JNCC and Defra at official level with the aim of exempting JNCC from the process. An update was provided at the intersessional meeting on 2 May and is included in the full committee meeting in June</p>
<p>6.4.ii Risk Management in JNCC (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 23 12D) AP13 Country body members to email their risk appetite statements to Mrs Quince.</p>	<p>Country Body Members</p>	<p>Not actioned.</p>
<p>6.4.ii Risk Management in JNCC (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 23 12D) AP14 ELT to consider the risk appetite in each of the 10 categories and circulate the revised statement to Joint Committee for comments.</p>	<p>ELT</p>	<p>To be completed once CNCB risk appetite documents available. ELT will consider in June at a weekly meeting and the revised risk appetite statement will be added to the Joint Committee intersessional meeting agenda in July.</p>
<p>7.2 Performance Report for Q3 2022 to 2023, including CEO report (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 23 13D) AP16 Mr Collins to inform members of the number of amber ratings at the end of Q4 by 30th April.</p>	<p>Mr Collins</p>	<p>Performance reporting was not completed in time to share ratings by end April. The full performance report will be prepared for the June committee meeting with an update at the intersessional meeting on 2 May.</p>
<p>10.2 Joint Committee forward programme (Official) (JNCC23 16D) AP18 Mrs Quince to liaise with staff in Natural Resources Wales to secure a venue for the March 2024 Joint Committee meeting in Wales.</p>	<p>Mrs Quince</p>	<p>Complete. The March 2024 meeting will take place in Cardiff. The November ARAC meeting will be in-person in Bangor.</p>

Annex 2: Action plan - Joint Committee effectiveness survey 2022

Action number	Action	Owner	Comments
JC ES 1	Liaison between communications teams in each of the SNCB's and JNCC should be encouraged and enhanced	Communications	Action passed to Kirsty Meadows and Sian Thomas 21 Feb 2023
JC ES 2	Papers to the Joint Committee should reflect, where appropriate, the four country nuances.	Paper authors	Directors to communicate this at Programme Boards. Governance team to add to the header of the paper template as a reminder in readiness for the September papers. To also be included in the call for papers email to remind authors. This will also be actioned for the September meeting.
JC ES 3	Giving members sight of events coming up in advance, would provide an opportunity for members to represent JNCC at external meetings and events.	Governance/Communications	The new Joint Committee Newsletter shares information about meetings attended by the CEO and Chair for input from Committee members. Future stakeholder mapping and detailed comms planning may identify opportunities for members to represent JNCC at external meetings and events. Action passed to Kirsty Meadows and Sian Thomas 4 May 2023
JC ES 4	Representatives of the four country governments should be invited to engagement events and workshops to gain greater insight into JNCC's work.	Governance Team/ELT	To be considered when agreeing an invite list for engagement events and workshops.
JC ES 5	Members to become more immersed in the meetings held around the UK.	Joint Committee Members	
JC ES 6	Members to be invited to internal workshops and meetings where relevant, with the Executive providing briefing and an indication of the level of engagement and involvement required.	ELT/Governance Team	Implemented through the new Joint Committee Newsletter. Recent examples included the Communications Workshop, UKOTA event and the JNCC Strategy Launch.