



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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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 March 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). Calendar invites for meetings have been sent to members for all Joint Committee meetings through to the end of 2025.
- 2.3 The next meeting of the Joint Committee will take place in JNCC's Aberdeen office (Inverdee House) on 13th and 14th September 2023. An engagement event is planned for the afternoon of the 13th and the theme will be one of the seven strategic priorities in the new JNCC strategy.

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Annex 1

Joint Committee forward programme

	September 2023 Aberdeen	November 2023 Virtual	March 2024 Cardiff
Strategic direction and review			
Update on UK Nature Recovery and CBD CoP15	x		
Scottish Parliamentary Event - JNCC and NatureScot tackling together the nature-climate emergency.	x		
International Roadmap		x	
Standing items			
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

	September 2023 Aberdeen	November 2023 Virtual	March 2024 Cardiff
Strategic updates from around the UK	X	X	X
CEO report on topical issues	X	X	X
Performance and reporting			
Quarterly corporate performance reports	X	X	X
Governance and risk management			
Mid-year report on Joint Committee working objectives 2023/24	X		
End of year report on Joint Committee working objectives 2023/24			X
Risk management in JNCC			X
Business planning and funding			
Business plan and KPI's 2024/25			X

Annex 2

Table 1

ENGAGEMENT EVENTS 2023 - 2025

Date of engagement event	Type of engagement	Theme
13 th September 2023	In-person event in JNCC's offices in Aberdeen	Strategic priority theme
22 nd November 2023	Virtual event	Strategic priority theme
6 th March 2024	In-person event in Cardiff	Strategic priority theme
19 th June 2024	Virtual event	Strategic priority theme
11 th September 2024	In-person event in Quay House, Peterborough	Strategic priority theme
4 th December 2024	Virtual event	Strategic priority theme
5 th March 2025	In-person event in England	Strategic priority theme
18 th June 2025	Virtual event	TBC
10 th September 2025	In-person event in Scotland	TBC
3 rd December 2025	Virtual event	TBC

Table 2

Joint Committee meeting dates and locations 2023-2025	
Meeting date	Location
13 th /14 th September 2023	JNCC offices, Aberdeen
22/23 rd November 2023	Virtual
6/7 th March 2024	Cardiff
19/20 th June 2024	Virtual
11/12 th September 2024	Quay House, Peterborough

4/5 th December 2024	Virtual
5/6 th March 2025	England (Location to be agreed)
18/19 th June 2025	Virtual
10/11 th September 2025	Scotland (Location to be agreed)
3/4 th December 2025	Virtual

Table 3

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

Table 4

Committee sub-group meeting dates 2023		
Sub-group	Date	Location
ARAC	12 th June 2023 11 th September 2023 20 th November 2023	Virtual Virtual In-person in Bangor, North Wales
People Committee	1 st June 2023 4 th September 2023 8 th November 2023	Virtual Virtual In-person, Peterborough
Remuneration sub-committee	1 st June 2023 March 2024 (date tbc)	Virtual Virtual
International sub-group	Future dates to be agreed 18 th October 2023	Virtual Virtual
Marine sub-group	Future dates to be agreed	Virtual
UK coordination sub-group	11 th July 2023 10 th October 2023 Future dates to be agreed	Virtual Virtual Virtual

Table 5

JNCC events 2023-24		
Event	Date	Location
JNCC strategy launch	22 nd May 2023	Quay House, Peterborough
Scottish Parliamentary Reception	27 th September 2023	Holyrood, Edinburgh
Virtual JNCC staff conference	December 2023 (date tbc)	Virtual
In-person JNCC staff conference	End of Sept/Beg of October 2024	Glasgow
Overseas Territories event	2024 (date tbc)	TBC