



**The one hundred and forty-fifth meeting of the
Joint Nature Conservation Committee held on 3 December 2025
online via Teams**

Paper JNCC 25 61I: Joint Committee Forward Programme

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Joint Committee forward programme scheduling

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1. Proposal

- 1.1 This paper outlines the Joint Committee forward programme through to June 2026, including meeting schedules, key agenda items, and governance priorities. The forward programme is designed to evolve with input from Committee members and the Executive. Scheduling of 2027 Joint Committee (and sub-committee) meetings is provisional and subject to a review of the scheduling, sequencing and content of meetings to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

2. Key highlights

- 2.1 Annex 1 of the paper contains the forward programme table for March and June 2026 meetings, detailing agenda items under strategic, governance, and business planning categories.
- 2.2 Annex 2 contains:
- Table 1: Main Joint Committee meeting dates and locations (Dec 2025 – Dec 2027).
 - Table 2: Intersessional Joint Committee meeting dates (Nov 2025 – Nov 2027).
 - Table 3: Sub-committee and sub-group meeting schedules (ARAC, People & Culture, Remuneration, Chief Scientists Group, International & UK Overseas Territories and Marine).

Annex 1

Joint Committee forward programme scheduling

	24/25 March 2026 (Cardiff) Theme Land & Sea	23/24 June 2026 (Northern Ireland) Theme Pollution
Strategic direction and review		
Consideration of progress towards the KMGBF and UK NBSAP and implications for work of SNCBs and for JNCC's advice to Government in preparation for CBD COP-17 and preparatory intersessional meetings	with focus on land and sea change	with focus on pollution
JNCC Programme of Change (our transformation programme) and final report on implementation of the Organisational Development Programme to 2025	x	x
Reprioritisation of resources to key Spending Review outcomes	x	
Consideration of the IPBES Assessment report on Business and Biodiversity and related follow up activities	x	
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Conference of Parties (CoP) 20 Outcomes – consider implications/follow-up of CoP outcomes		x
Implications of the Planning & Infrastructure Bill for JNCC	x	

	24/25 March 2026 (Cardiff) Theme Land & Sea	23/24 June 2026 (Northern Ireland) Theme Pollution
UK strategic learning discussion (different topic for each meeting)	x	x
Standing items		
Matters arising and actions update	x	x
Committee sub-group and sub-committee reports (now annually from each thematic sub-group)	tbd	tbd
Joint Committee forward programme	x	x
Report from the Chief Scientists Group	x	x
CEO report on topical issues	x	x
Performance and reporting		
Quarterly corporate performance reports and update on programme of change	x	x
Governance and risk management		
Joint Committee/Company Board standing orders	x	
JNCC risk appetite review		x
Risk management in JNCC	x	
Joint Committee working objectives 2026/27 and report on delivery of the 2025/26 objectives		x
Business planning and funding		
Business planning 2026/27 and update on spending review phase 2	x	
Draft business plan 2026/27		x

Annex 2

Table 1

Joint Committee meeting dates and locations 2025 to 2027	
Meeting date	Location
24/25 March 2026	Cardiff
23/24 June 2026	Northern Ireland
15/16 September 2026	York
9 December 2026	Online
16/17 March 2027	Peterborough
22/23 June 2027	Wales
21/22 September 2027	Aberdeen
1 December 2027	Online

Table 2

Please note that dates for 2027 are provisional and subject to review of Joint Committee meetings scheduling

Intersessional Joint Committee meetings 2025 to 2027	
Meeting date	Location
9 February 2026 14.00-15.30	Online
11 May 2026 14.00-15.30	Online
10 August 2026 14.00-15.30	Online
9 November 2026 14.00-15.30	Online
8 February 2027	Online
10 May 2027 14.00-15.30	Online
9 August 2027 14.00-15.30	Online
8 November 2027 14.00-15.30	Online

Table 3

Sub-committee meeting dates 2026

Sub-committee	Date	Location
ARAC	17 March 2026	Peterborough
	17 June 2026	Online
	9 September 2026	Peterborough
	1 December 2026	Peterborough
People & Culture Committee	17 March 2026	Peterborough
	17 June 2026	Online
	9 September 2026	Peterborough
	1 December 2026	Peterborough
Remuneration sub-committee	Dates to be agreed	
Chief Scientists Group	15 December 2025	Online
	4/5 March 2026	Wales
	3 June 2026	Online
	7/8 October 2026	Northern Ireland
	17 December 2026	Online
Sub-group meeting dates 2026		
Sub-group		
International and Overseas Territories sub-group	Dates to be agreed	Online

Marine sub-group	Dates to be agreed	Online