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1. Introduction

1.1 This paper outlines the Joint Committee forward programme through to December 2028, with provisional dates provided.

1.2 Dates for meetings of the Joint Committee from January 2027 onwards have been adjusted to allow review of the quarterly reports by the main meetings in time for the quarterly reporting to Defra. This will avoid the need for the reports to be reviewed also by the intersessional meetings. Dates of ARAC and the Peoples and Culture committee have been adjusted so they precede the main meetings. In essence, compared to previous years, the changes mean that the slots for main and intersessional meetings have been swapped.

1.3 Annex 1 of the paper contains the forward programme table for June and September 2026 meetings, detailing confirmed agenda items under strategic, governance, and business planning categories.

1.4 Annex 2 contains:

Table 1: Main Joint Committee meeting dates and locations (Jun 2026 – Dec 2028).

Table 2: Intersessional Joint Committee meeting dates (Dec 2026 – Dec 2028).

Table 3: Sub-committee and sub-group meeting schedules (ARAC, People & Culture, Remuneration, Chief Scientists Group, International & UK Overseas Territories and Marine 2026).

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Annex 1

Joint Committee forward programme

	23/24 June 2026 (Northern Ireland) Theme: Pollution	**15/16 September 2026 (York TBC) Theme: Climate**
Strategic direction and review		
Pathway to CBD COP17	x	
Biodiversity Indicators	x	
Update on climate work and alignment with Climate Change Committee		x
Standing items		
Minutes and Matters arising	x	x
CEO report on topical issues	x	x
Sub-Committee reports: ARAC and PCC	x	x
Report from the Chief Scientists Group		x
Committee sub-group reports	TBD	TBD
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	23/24 June 2026 (Northern Ireland) Theme: Pollution	**15/16 September 2026 (York TBC) Theme: Climate**
Performance and reporting		
Quarterly Performance Update	x	x
Governance and risk management		
Joint Committee working objectives 2026/27 and report on delivery of the 2025/26 objectives	x	
Business planning and funding		
Draft business plan 2026/27	x	

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Annex 2 (Dates from January 2027 onwards are for subject to review)

Table 1

Joint Committee meeting dates and locations 2026 to 2028	
Meeting date	**Location**
23/24 June 2026	Northern Ireland
15/16 September 2026	England (York TBC)
9 December 2026	Online
9/10 February 2027	Wales
11/12 May 2027	Scotland
10 August 2027	Online
2/3 November 2027	England
8/9 February 2028	Northern Ireland
9/10 May 2028	Wales
8 August 2028	Online
7/8 November 2028	England

Table 2

Intersessional Joint Committee meetings 2026 to 2028	
Meeting date	**Location**
11 May 2026 14.00-15.30	Online
10 August 2026 14.00-15.30	Online
9 November 2026 14.00-15.30	Online
9 March 2027 14.00-15.30	Online
16 June 2027 14.00-15.30	Online

14 September 2027 14.00-15.30	Online
1 December 2027 14.00-15.30	Online
7 March 2028 14.00-15.30	Online
13 June 2028 14.00-15.30	Online
19 September 2028 14.00-15.30	Online
5 December 2028 14.00-15.30	Online

Table 3

Sub-committee meeting dates 2026		
Sub-committee	**Date**	**Location**
ARAC	17 March 2026	Peterborough
	10 June 2026	Peterborough
	9 September 2026	Online
	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 July 2026	Online

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	7/8 October 2026	Northern Ireland
	17 December 2026	Online