



The one hundred and thirtieth meeting of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee to be held at 11.00 on 9 March 2022 and 09.30 on 10 March 2022 virtually via Microsoft Teams

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## **Joint Nature Conservation Committee**

### **Matters Arising**

**Cover note by Tracey Elliott**

1. There are no matters arising for this meeting. A report on outstanding action points from previous meetings is attached at Annex 1. All other action points have been discharged.

## Annex 1: Action Points Table Joint Committee 2021

### March 2021

Action	Person responsible	Progress update
<b>14.3 Air pollution: taking a new breath at JNCC (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 21 10)</b>  AP10 Dr Zappala to provide an update on JNCC's work on air pollution to a future Joint Committee meeting.	Dr Zappala	An update on JNCC's work on air pollution will be presented to the September Joint Committee meeting.

### June 2021

<b>8.10 Marine Natural Capital at JNCC (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 21 19)</b>  AP06 Joint Committee to have a further discussion around the direction of monitoring work in relation to Marine Natural Capital. Professor Maggs to agree the timing of this item by the September meeting.	Professor Maggs	A draft work programme will be presented to the Joint Committee at the June 2022 meeting.
13.4.ii Report from the Chief Scientists Group (CSG) (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 21 22) AP10 Professor Galbraith, Dr Harper and Professor Maggs to discuss in July the possibility of organising an event around SSSI designations.	Professor Galbraith/Dr Harper/Professor Maggs	Delayed. A paper on review of SSSI Guidelines: position and process will be presented at the June 2022 meeting.

### September 2021

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<b>5.2 Report from Joint Committee sub-groups</b>	Professor Galbraith	Delayed. Discussion about the Committee's sub-groups

<p><b>(Official-sensitive) (Oral)</b> AP04. Professor Galbraith to provide a draft paper for the intersessional Joint Committee meeting in November setting out a suggested remit for a time-limited marine sub-group which aligned marine expertise with policy needs.</p>		<p>to be held at the March Engagement Session on the Refreshed JNCC Strategy.</p>
<p><b>5.4 Report from Joint Committee sub-groups (Official-sensitive) (Oral)</b> AP05. Dr Wilkinson to present a paper to the December meeting setting out a proposed remit for the International sub-group.</p>	<p>Dr Wilkinson</p>	<p>Discussion about the Committee's sub-groups to be held at the March Engagement Session on the Refreshed JNCC Strategy. Initial internal work is reviewing existing international instruments and reporting which will give a stronger focus to the group. Work is underway to build JNCC's international strategy.</p>
<p><b>5.3 Report from Joint Committee sub-groups (Official-sensitive) (Oral)</b> AP06. Dr Williams to circulate recent MEA reports to Joint Committee members.</p>	<p>Dr Williams</p>	<p>In progress. Reports with Defra for sign off.</p>

## December 2021

Action	Person responsible	Progress update
<b>Meeting Day 1</b>		
<p><b>5.6 Chief Executive's Report on Topical Issues (Official-sensitive)</b> AP01. Mr Collins to liaise with relevant leads in the country bodies as soon as possible to inform and align JNCC's People Survey.</p>	<p>Mr Collins</p>	<p>This action was not completed as the staff survey was issued on 2 December, the date of the Committee meeting. For future surveys, engagement with relevant leads in the country bodies will be undertaken to compare processes and results.</p> <p>Staff survey was completed on 22<sup>nd</sup> December with a high response rate of 78%. ELT considered the results and discussed with staff in February.</p>

		An action plan will be prepared with staff and reported to the new People Committee.
<b>5.9 Chief Executive's Report on Topical Issues (Official-sensitive)</b> AP02. Dr Wilkinson to circulate a note to Committee members on the overall indicator approach being developed by 31 January 2022.	Dr Wilkinson	Complete. Available through the JNCC website: <a href="https://jncc.gov.uk/our-work/ukbi-a4-global-biodiversity-impact/">https://jncc.gov.uk/our-work/ukbi-a4-global-biodiversity-impact/</a> and associated dashboard: <a href="https://commodityfootprints.earth/">https://commodityfootprints.earth/</a>
<b>5.10 Chief Executive's Report on Topical Issues (Official-sensitive)</b> AP04 Professor Maggs to advise Professor Galbraith on all Parliamentary Questions and information requests in relation to QQR7.	Professor Maggs	Ongoing. Professor Maggs continues to keep Professor Galbraith informed on all PQs and information requests in relation to QQR7.
<b>7.6 (iii) Update on Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Conference of the Parties (CoP15) (Official-sensitive)</b> AP05. Dr Wilkinson to arrange a meeting with all SNCB boards in the new year to brief members on the work so far to develop targets, and to agree a collective line for input to CBD COP 15.	Dr Wilkinson	In progress. CBD COP15 has been rearranged for Autumn. We have commenced work with the directors within the agencies to agree an approach and will discuss at the SNCB CEOs in April and the Chairs and CEOs meeting in July.
<b>8.2 Enhancing JNCC Governance to Improve Engagement with Governments (Official-sensitive)</b> AP06. Dr Wilkinson to write a short paper for the Natural England Board on the new governance structure to secure taking forward the establishment of an England Group by the end of February 2022.	Dr Wilkinson	In progress. Approach discussed and agreed with Tim Hill on how to progress. First meeting will be late February / early March. It will initially exclude Defra but strengthen the join up between NE and JNCC which is the critical element.
<b>8.4 Enhancing JNCC Governance to Improve</b>	Dr Wilkinson	Complete. We now have mechanisms in place within all of

<p><b>Engagement with Governments (Official-sensitive)</b> AP08 Dr Wilkinson to develop a process for enhancing insight to the work of Governments across the UK, identifying issues where advice will be needed to develop a rapid response mechanism, by the end of March 2022.</p>		<p>the countries to provide stronger engagement between JNCC and governments. Approach uses the country engagement groups and liaison officers to maintain this sort of function.</p>
<p><b>10.4 Developing Sustainable Finance Solutions for Nature-based Solutions (Official-sensitive)</b> AP09. Ms Konar, Dr Waters, Professor Austin, and Dr McGuckin to form a discussion group by the end of January 2022 to help focus the work on developing finance solutions and to address gaps.</p>	<p>Ms Konar, Dr Waters, Professor Austin, Dr McGuckin</p>	<p>This action is in progress. Due to diary commitments the first meeting of this group will take place in February 2022.</p>
<p><b>Meeting Day 2</b></p>		
<p><b>9.4 The Future of Volunteer Surveys at JNCC (Official-sensitive)</b> AP14. Dr Wilkinson to build a business case by 28 February 2022 for additional funding for monitoring schemes, working with Committee collectively, taking into account comments in paragraph 9.3 (i-iv) and exploring options for funding from blue/green finance initiatives.</p>	<p>Dr Wilkinson</p>	<p>Complete. Outline proposal and existing benefits of surveillance schemes has been provided to Committee leads within each country (including government links were known).</p>
<p><b>11.5 Update on Fletton Quays (Official-sensitive)</b> AP17. Mr Collins to write to the Government Property Agency, Defra, Environment Agency, and Natural England to agree the environmental credentials, with the offer of a meeting to discuss</p>	<p>Mr Collins</p>	<p>Mr Collins updated Joint Committee at the intersessional meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January following the meeting which took place with Defra and GPA on 14<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p>JNCC will follow up with GPA on proposals to improve credentials at Fletton Quays and across the Government estates</p>

further by 31 December.		
<b>15.1 Any Other Business (Official) (Oral)</b> AP18. Mrs Quince to prepare a short key messages report for CNCB Board members and circulate to CNCB Joint Committee members by mid-January.	Mrs Quince	Complete. Report circulated on 24 January.