



The one hundred and thirty-eighth meeting of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee to be held at 11.00 on Wednesday 6th March 2024 and 09.00 on Thursday 7th March 2024 to be held at The Hilton Hotel, Kingsway, Greyfriars Rd, Cardiff CF10 3HH

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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.
- ii. **Note** the list of engagement event themes in Annex 2 (table 1) and the dates and locations of Committee meetings for 2024-2025 in Annex 2 (table 2). Please **note** that the dates for intersessional meetings in 2024 and 2025 have been changed to allow for a better governance flow of information between ELT, Committee and Defra.
- 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 December 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 2024-5 (table 1); a list of meeting dates and locations for Joint Committee meetings for 2024-25 (table 2); dates for intersessional Joint Committee meetings 2024-25 (table

3); Joint Committee sub-group meeting dates for 2024 (table 4) and planned JNCC events in 2024 (table 5).

- 2.3 The next meeting of the Joint Committee will take place on 19th and 20th June in Peterborough. The Company Board meeting will also take place on 20th June to approve the Annual Report & Accounts for 2023/24. An engagement event is planned for the afternoon of the 19th June and the theme will be strategic priority 4 “Innovate and advance our learning”.

Annex 1

Joint Committee forward programme

	19/20 June 2024 Peterborough SP4 Innovate and advance our learning	11/12 September 2024 London SP5 Support transitions to sustainable blue/green economies	4/5 December 2024 Online SP1 Respond to the global biodiversity crisis
Strategic direction and review			
JNCC stakeholder relationship strategy	x		
Innovate and advance our learning SP4 briefing	x		
Support transitions to sustainable blue/green economies SP5 briefing		x	
Respond to the global biodiversity crisis SP1 briefing			x
GBF updates: UK Biodiversity Indicators	x	x	x
Standing items			
Matters arising and actions update	x	x	x

	19/20 June 2024 Peterborough SP4 Innovate and advance our learning	11/12 September 2024 London SP5 Support transitions to sustainable blue/green economies	4/5 December 2024 Online SP1 Respond to the global biodiversity crisis
Committee sub-group reports.	x	x	x
Joint Committee forward programme	x	x	x
Report from the Chief Scientists Group	x	x	x
Strategic updates from around the UK	x	x	x
CEO report on topical issues	x	x	x
Feedback on engagement event	x	x	x
Performance and reporting			
Quarterly corporate performance reports		x	x
End of year performance report	x		
Governance and risk management			
ARAC Annual Report	x		

	19/20 June 2024 Peterborough SP4 Innovate and advance our learning	11/12 September 2024 London SP5 Support transitions to sustainable blue/green economies	4/5 December 2024 Online SP1 Respond to the global biodiversity crisis
Mid-year review of Committee working objectives		x	
Business planning and funding			
Business Planning 2025/26			x
Spending review	x		

Annex 2

Table 1

ENGAGEMENT EVENTS 2024 - 2025

Date of engagement event	Type of engagement	Theme
19 th June 2024	In-person event in Peterborough	SP4 Innovate and advance our learning
11 th September 2024	In- person event in London	SP5 Support transitions to sustainable blue/green economies
4 th December 2024	Virtual event	SP1 Respond to the global biodiversity crisis
5 th March 2025	In-person event in England	SP7 Invest in our People
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 2024-2025	
Meeting date	Location
19/20 th June 2024	Quay House, Peterborough
11/12 th September 2024	London
4/5 th December 2024	Online
5/6 th March 2025	England (Location to be agreed)
18/19 th June 2025	TBC
10/11 th September 2025	Scotland (Location to be agreed)
3/4 th December 2025	TBC

Table 3

Intersessional Joint Committee meetings 2024-2025	
Meeting date	Location
13 th May 2024 14.00-15.30	Virtual
14 th August 2024 14.00-15.30	Virtual
13 th November 2024 15.15-16.45	Virtual
17 th February 2025 14.00-15.30	Virtual
19 th May 2025 14.00-15.30	Virtual
18 th August 14.00-15.30	Virtual
17 th November 2025 14.00-15.30	Virtual

Table 4

Committee sub-group meeting dates 2024		
Sub-group	Date	Location
ARAC	17 th June 2024	Quay House, Peterborough
	9 th September 2024	London
	2 nd December 2024	Virtual
People Committee	18 th June 2024	Quay House, Peterborough
	10 th September 2024	London
	2 nd December 2024	Virtual
Remuneration sub-committee	17 th June 2024	Quay House, Peterborough
International and Overseas	1 st May 2024	Virtual
	Further dates to be agreed	

Territories sub-group		
Marine sub-group	12 th March 2024	Virtual
	Further dates to be agreed	
UK coordination sub-group	17 th April 2024	Virtual
	17 th July 2024	Virtual
	16 th October 2024	Virtual

Table 5

JNCC events 2024		
Event	Date	Location
In-person JNCC staff conference	25 September 2024	Manchester
Overseas Territories event	2024 (date tbc)	TBC