



The one hundred and thirty-fourth meeting of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee to be held at 11.00 on Wednesday 8th March 2023 and 09.30 on Thursday 9th March 2023, virtually via MS Teams.

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Executive Summary

1. 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

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March 2022

Action	Person responsible	Progress update
Meeting Day 1		
<p>7.3 (ii) Update on Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Conference of Parties (CoP15) and the UK Biodiversity Framework (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 22 04P)</p> <p>AP02. Dr Wilkinson to arrange two Committee engagement/workshop sessions which begin to consider how the effectiveness of investment in nature based solutions will be assessed as part of broader UK nature recovery and the overall accountability of the UK in response to the commitments made at CoP</p>	Dr Wilkinson	In progress. First session in June will begin to explore how we will measure overall progress towards UK nature recovery, how this will be used, especially by Joint Committee and how JNCC's forward work plan will feed into improving predictions of how the indicator is likely to respond. The follow up will be in November and begin to look at how this indicator fits within the broader UK response to CoP 15 and the sorts of areas where it would be useful to continue to work more closely together.
Meeting Day 2		
<p>6.6 Report from Committee sub-groups (Official-sensitive) (Oral)</p> <p>AP12. Dr Wilkinson to develop a workshop/engagement event in the next 12 months, for Committee members to take a strategic look at international reporting and to consider opportunities for streamlining reporting requirements across conventions.</p>	Dr Wilkinson	On hold. There have been significant cuts to JNCC's reserved funding and one of the elements that has been dropped out is streamlining the UK's international reporting. Discussions are underway with Defra.

Sept 2022

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Meeting Day 2		
3.6 Feedback on renewables engagement event (Official-Sensitive) (Oral) AP07 Dr Goold and Dr Harper to consider the options to develop a time limited, cross agency task force, to develop the vision in this work area.	Dr Goold/Dr Harper	In progress. Discussed with Chair and additional dialogue planned to decide a practical course of action.
7.2 (ii) Half year review of Joint Committee working objectives (Official) JNCC 22 38P AP08 Professor Galbraith, Dr Harper, Dr Kirkpatrick and Professor Orford to consider wider engagement with colleagues in Northern Ireland.	Professor Galbraith/Dr Harper/Dr Kirkpatrick/Professor Orford	In hand. June Joint Committee engagement and meetings in Northern Ireland planned.

November 2022

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Meeting Day 1		
6.3 (iv) Chief Executive's Report on Topical Issues (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 22 42P) AP02 Askew-Stoker to issue a statement after CITES COP19 to highlight the work JNCC undertakes in the CITES area and how JNCC leads on this work.	Ms Askew/Ms Stoker	A paper on this area of work will be discussed at the March 2023 meeting.
6.4 Chief Executive's Report on Topical Issues (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 22 42P) AP03 Ms Wilkinson to circulate the report from the statistician in NRW on best practice in communicating uncertainty in nature.	Ms Wilkinson	

<p>9.1 Updates on strategic issues affecting JNCC (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 22 45P) AP07 Professor Galbraith and Dr Wilkinson to discuss and agree the format of this item with a new structure in place from March 2023.</p>	<p>Professor Galbraith/Dr Wilkinson</p>	<p>Agreed and planned for March 2023.</p>
<p>Meeting Day 2</p>		
<p>3.3 Feedback on the Nature Recovery for Discussion Prosperity and Wellbeing event (Official-sensitive) (Oral) AP09 Professor Galbraith to write a letter of thanks to the staff involved in organising the Nature Recovery event.</p>	<p>Professor Galbraith</p>	
<p>3.4 Feedback on the Nature Recovery for Discussion Prosperity and Wellbeing event (Official-sensitive) (Oral) AP10 Communications Team to send out a press release with photographs from the event linked to a JNCC blog by Dr Harper and Dr Wilkinson with sound bites weaved in.</p>	<p>Communications Team</p>	<p>Report provided for Committee. The blog from Colin Galbraith (https://jncc.gov.uk/about-jncc/jncc-blog/archive/jncc-at-cop15/) covered both the event and reflections on CoP 15. This page includes a link to the video clip from Colin at the event. In addition the main COP15 page (https://jncc.gov.uk/our-work/cop-15/) on the JNCC website include two video clips filmed at the event: Dr Gemma Harper's reflections and Professor Colin Galbraith's thoughts on the joint statement.</p>
<p>3.4 Feedback on the Nature Recovery for Discussion Prosperity and Wellbeing event (Official-sensitive) (Oral) AP12 Communications Team to assess the impact of the event and coverage on social media and report back to Committee.</p>	<p>Communications Team</p>	<p>An evaluation report including social media coverage is available based on JNCC's monitoring and feedback from each nature agency (copy provided at annex 1).</p>
<p>3.4 Feedback on the Nature Recovery for Discussion Prosperity and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Dr Wilkinson</p>	<p>Complete. The next steps effectively set out the UK implementation plan for CBD. JNCC are currently discussing</p>

<p>event (Official-sensitive) (Oral) AP13 Dr Wilkinson to ask CSG to begin developing an action plan to set out the actions resulting from the statement for discussion at a future Joint Committee meeting</p>		<p>this with Defra and the 4 Countries Biodiversity Group and it forms a key aspect of the Committee engagement session (March 2023).</p>
<p>5.4 JNCC's convening role and risk drill down into divergent approaches across the UK (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 22 46D) AP14 Dr Wilkinson in consultation with ELT and the SNCB's to produce a paper for the March 2023 meeting on how JNCC will deliver its convening role over the next two years, together with an engagement plan.</p>	<p>Dr Wilkinson</p>	<p>Paper on the agenda for the March 2023 meeting.</p>
<p>6.2 (iii) Report from ARAC on 21 November (Official-sensitive) (Presentation) AP17 Mr Collins to annex to the March 2023 business plan paper, scenarios for what a 10% cut in budget would look like in terms of staffing and business planning.</p>	<p>Mr Collins</p>	<p>Complete. Included within Business Planning paper for the March 2023 meeting.</p>
<p>7.6 (iii) Reports from the three thematic sub-groups and the People Committee (Oral) AP18 Ms Quince to update the JNCC governance map to include Programme Boards and new sub-groups with a link to the terms of reference embedded in the map.</p>	<p>Ms Quince</p>	<p>In progress, terms of reference being collated into one folder so links can be added.</p>
<p>8.3 (i) Performance report for Q2 2022 to 23 (Official-sensitive) JNCC 22 47D AP19 Mr Collins, with ELT input, to develop a pipeline of projects to address any</p>	<p>Mr Collins</p>	<p>Complete. As reported in the Business planning paper to the March Joint Committee meeting proposals to bring forward additional spending were sought from team leaders following the</p>

surplus in the current and future financial years.		November Joint Committee meeting.
<p>9.4 Committee effectiveness review report on findings (Official-sensitive) JNCC 22 48D AP20 Ms Quince to revisit the biographical information for members and update as necessary to ensure staff are aware of the skills and experience of members to make informed choices on when to include members in meetings and workshops.</p>	Ms Quince	In progress, will be published on the intranet early February.
<p>10.2 Joint Committee forward programme (Official) (JNCC 22 49D) AP22 Mr Collins to share the emerging plans for the official opening of Quay House with Committee members as soon as possible.</p>	Mr Collins	Details of plans continue to be developed with the Government Property Agency in the lead. We will share plans as soon as they firm up. In the meantime we are focusing on preparations for the launch of the JNCC Strategy which will also mark our move to the new building with our key stakeholders.