



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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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** the forward programme contained in Annex 1 and suggest any additional items; and
- ii. **note** the list of engagement event themes in Annex 2 (table 1) and the dates and locations of Committee meetings for 2022-24 in Annex 2 (table 2). Intersessional meeting requests through to January 2024 have recently been sent to members by the Governance team.

2. Key issues

- 2.1 This paper contains a forward programme for the Joint Committee to March 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 2023-25 (table 1); a list of meeting dates and locations for Joint Committee meetings for 2023-25 (table 2); dates for intersessional Joint Committee meetings 2023-25 (table 3); Joint Committee sub-group meeting dates for 2023 (table 4) and planned JNCC events 2023-24 (table 5). Calendar invites for meetings have been sent to members for all Joint Committee meetings through to the end of 2025.

- 2.3 The next meeting of the Joint Committee will take place in Derry/Londonderry, Northern Ireland on 7th and 8th June 2023. An engagement event is planned for the afternoon of the 7th and will take place at the Guildhall in Derry/Londonderry. The theme will be species monitoring and volunteer networks. A field visit is planned for the afternoon of the 8th to Magilligan where members can see the work that DAERA have undertaken on coastal erosion and how they manage the dunes.

Annex 1

Joint Committee forward programme

	June 2023 Northern Ireland	September 2023 Aberdeen	November 2023 Virtual	March 2024 Wales
Strategic direction and review				
JNCC Communications Strategy	X			
Update on UK Nature Recovery and CBD CoP15		X		
Scottish Parliamentary Event - JNCC and NatureScot tackling together the nature-climate emergency.	X			
Species monitoring – investment in surveillance schemes	X			
Standing items				
Committee sub-group reports.	X	X	X	X
Joint Committee forward programme	X	X	X	X

	June 2023 Northern Ireland	September 2023 Aberdeen	November 2023 Virtual	March 2024 Wales
Report from the Chief Scientists Group	x	x	x	x
Updates on strategic issues affecting JNCC	x	x	x	x
Performance and reporting				
Quarterly corporate performance reports, including CEO topical issues.		x	x	x
End of year performance report	x			
Governance and risk management				
Mid-year report on Joint Committee working objectives 2023/24				
End of year report on Joint Committee working objectives 2023/24				x
Risk management in JNCC				x
Business planning and funding				
JNCC fiscal strategy	x			
Business plan 2024/25			x	x

Annex 2

Table 1

ENGAGEMENT EVENTS 2023 - 2025

Date of engagement event	Type of engagement	Theme
7 th June 2023	In-person event in the Guildhall in Derry/Londonderry.	Species monitoring and volunteer networks
13 th September 2023	In-person event in JNCC's offices in Aberdeen	Strategic priority theme
22 nd November 2023	Virtual event	Strategic priority theme
6 th March 2024	In-person event in Wales	Strategic priority theme
19 th June 2024	Virtual event	Strategic priority theme
11 th September 2024	In-person event in Quay House, Peterborough	Strategic priority theme
4 th December 2024	Virtual event	Strategic priority theme
5 th March 2025	In-person event in England	Strategic priority theme
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 2023-2025	
Meeting date	Location
7/8 th June 2023	Derry/Londonderry, Northern Ireland
13 th /14 th September 2023	JNCC offices, Aberdeen
22/23 rd November 2023	Virtual

6/7 th March 2024	Wales (Location to be agreed)
19/20 th June 2024	Virtual
11/12 th September 2024	Quay House, Peterborough
4/5 th December 2024	Virtual
5/6 th March 2025	England (Location to be agreed)
18/19 th June 2025	Virtual
10/11 th September 2025	Scotland (Location to be agreed)
3/4 th December 2025	Virtual

Table 3

Intersessional Joint Committee meetings 2023-2025	
Meeting date	Location
2 May 2023 15.00-16.30	Virtual
24 th July 2023 14.00-15.30	Virtual
30 th October 2023 15.00-16.30	Virtual
29 th January 2024 15.00-16.30	Virtual
29 th April 2024 14.00-15.30	Virtual
30 th July 2024 14.00-15.30	Virtual
28 th October 2024 14.00-15.30	Virtual
27 th January 2025 14.00-15.30	Virtual
29 th April 2025 14.00-15.30	Virtual
29 th July 14.00-15.30	Virtual
28 th October 2025 14.00-15.30	Virtual

Table 4

Committee sub-group meeting dates 2023		
Sub-group	Date	Location
ARAC	6 th March 2023	In-person in London
	12 th June 2023	Virtual
	11 th September 2023	Virtual
	20 th November 2023	Virtual
People Committee		
	27 th February 2023	Virtual
	June date to be agreed	Virtual
	4 th September 2023	Virtual
	8 th November 2023	Virtual
Remuneration sub-committee		
	Following the June PC Committee	Virtual
	March 2024 (date tbc)	Virtual
International sub-group		
	1 st February 2023	Virtual
	Future dates to be agreed	
Marine sub-group		
	Future dates to be agreed	
UK coordination sub-group		
	31 st January 2023	Virtual
	28 th February 2023	Virtual
	Future dates to be agreed	

Table 5

JNCC events 2023-24		
Event	Date	Location
JNCC/UKOTA	25 th April 2023	Quay House, Peterborough
JNCC strategy launch	22 nd May 2023	Quay House, Peterborough
Scottish Parliamentary Reception	27 th September 2023	Holyrood, Edinburgh
Virtual JNCC staff conference	December 2023 (date tbc)	Virtual
In-person JNCC staff conference	End of Sept/Beg of October 2024	Edinburgh or Glasgow
Overseas Territories	2024 (date tbc)	TBC