

Actions from NCC meeting 7 January 2020

Taking part were Dieter Helm (Chair), Paul Leinster, Chris Collins, Ian Bateman, Melanie Austen, Colin Mayer and Kathy Willis.

Maniv Pathak, Jake Harvey, Rebecca McIlhiney, Elias Scheuermann and Andy Canning-Trigg attended from the Secretariat.

Rebecca Pow, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs attended the first 30 minutes of the meeting. Edward Barker and Louise Leighton-McTague from Defra also attended.

1. Updates from the Chair

Dieter introduced Minister Pow to the NCC members and provided an overview of the Committee's work to date. Paul summarised the Committee's position on the scope and structure of the Office for Environmental Protection (OEP) and Kathy touched on 25 Year Environment Plan (25 YEP) targets, including the urgent need for a comprehensive environmental baseline census. Minister Pow thanked the Committee and welcomed further advice on the Environment Bill on an ongoing basis.

Maniv provided an update on plans to reintroduce the Environment and Agriculture Bills.

2. Transition from NCC to the OEP

Louise provided an update on the status of the OEP. The Committee discussed and agreed priority areas of advice.

Actions agreed:

- **Secretariat** to produce a short note and circulate for comment. (by 10 January)
- **All members** to review and provide comments. (by 13 January)

3. 25 Year Environment Plan (25 YEP) targets advice

The Committee agreed a timeline for finalising interim advice on 25 YEP targets.

Actions agreed:

- **Secretariat** to update the interim summary advice paper and circulate for comments. (by 10 January)
- **All members** to review and provide comments. (by 13 January)

4. Annual Report and Launch event

The Committee discussed the latest draft of the 2020 Annual Report and provided sign off.

Actions agreed:

- **Secretariat** to finalise the report for publishing. (by 15 January)
- **Members** to review the list of attendees and provide a short list of missing names. (by 13 January)

5. Scrutiny of next 25 Year Environment Plan (25 YEP) Progress Report /end of second term NCC report

The Committee discussed and agreed the plan for responding to the next 25 YEP Progress Report and end of second term report.

Actions agreed:

- **Secretariat** to set up bilateral meetings with Committee members to discuss methodology / analytical issues. (by 26 February)
- **Secretariat** to provide an update on both papers at the March NCC meeting. (by 3 March)

6. Corporate natural capital accounting

Colin provided an update on next steps for engaging with businesses on corporate accounts.

- **Colin** to share a list of invitees. (by 30 January)
- **Secretariat** to continue supporting Colin and Paul in developing the paper and setting up a small roundtable with businesses. (by 26 February)

7. Green book

Ian provided an update on the plan to assess the impact of the revised Green Book.

Action agreed: **Secretariat** to work with all members to develop an interim Green Book advice paper, led by Ian, and circulate for comments. (by 20 February)

8. Any other business

Actions agreed:

- **Secretariat** to circulate the NIC paper/draft letter to the NIC Chair to members for review. (by 10 January)
- **Members** to provide comments. (by 15 January)