

Summary Report of Farm Animal Welfare Committee plenary meeting London, 26 April 2018

Items discussed

- Welcome new members Jane Downes, Troy Gibson, Dorothy McKeegan and Debbie Stanton.
- Defra, Scottish and Welsh Government and Northern Irish summaries of animal welfare activity.
- FAWC Chairs report on meetings held, including with the Animal Health and Welfare Board for England, the Defra Chief Scientist, Sheep Health and Welfare Sector Council and Northern Ireland officials.
- FAWC's new ways of working and future work programme: including completion of reports on the use of evidence in animal welfare policy making and on the welfare of beef cattle; advice on the welfare of goats at the time of killing; input into discussions on future farming policy; quality assurance of updated welfare codes for meat chickens, laying hens and pigs; and advice on improving animal welfare during transport.
- Published advice on;
 - [FAWC opinion on the welfare of animals killed on-farm](#), 29 March 2018
- Detailed consideration of Defra's Consultation on "Health and Harmony: the future for food, farming and the environment in a Green Brexit.
- Detailed consideration of draft report on evidence and farm animal welfare: Part 2.
- Preparations for UK to host the annual meeting of the European Forum of Animal Welfare Councils (EuroFAWC) in June 2018.
- Emerging issues such as the welfare of minor farmed groups such as camelids, which could impact the health and welfare of more main stream groups; Brexit and the potential impact of trade issues on animal welfare; and the increase in numbers of animals on farms and increasing stock to stockperson ratios.

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