

## Summary Report of Farm Animal Welfare Committee plenary meeting Edinburgh, 27 November 2018

### Items discussed

- Scottish Government plan to establish a Scottish Animal Welfare Commission
- Defra, Welsh, Scottish and Northern Ireland Government summaries of animal welfare activity.
- FAWC Chair's report on meetings held including: AHWBE/TBG/FAWC three chairs co-ordination meetings; officials in Northern Ireland; seminar with Defra Ministers on farm animal production systems; one to one meetings with Scottish Minister and Defra Minister; and the European Forum of Animal Welfare Councils' (EuroFAWC) annual conference was hosted in London in June 2018.
- FAWC's new ways of working and future work programme including: completion of Welfare at Killing Committee advice on Low Atmospheric Pressure Stunning for meat chickens and DutchVision novel electrical stunning system for poultry; and FAWC's opinion on the welfare of beef cattle. Advice on the welfare of Goats at the time of killing is being drafted and a review of cattle production systems will commence in early 2019.
- Published advice on Evidence and farm animal welfare: Part 2 Evidence-based decision making – 19 July 2018.
- Detailed consideration of draft systematic review of the scientific evidence relating to the livestock transport regime.
- Emerging issues such as Precision Livestock Farming, the use of antimicrobial veterinary medicines and animal welfare; and the potential impact of Brexit on animal welfare.

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