Actions from NCC Meeting 5 March 2019

Taking part were Dieter Helm (Chair), Diane Coyle, Melanie Austen (by phone), Paul Leinster, Christopher Collins, Kathy Willis and Ian Bateman. Apologies were received by Colin Mayer.

Sebastian Catovsky, Julian Harlow, Maniv Pathak, Maja Kent and Jake Harvey attended from the Secretariat. Edward Barker attended from Defra.

1. Updates from the Chair and Actions from the previous meeting

Dieter provided a summary of NCC priorities going forward.

Sebastian and Julian provided an update on the metrics consultation and net gain consultation. The chair welcomed Maniv, who has recently joined as head of the Secretariat.

The Committee reviewed actions from the meeting in January and February and approved them.

2. Soils paper

The Committee reviewed the current draft of the soils advice paper.

Actions agreed:

- Chris to redraft paper and send to Committee for further comments. (by 14th March 2019)
- All members to review the soils paper and send their comments. (by 18th March 2019)
- Secretariat to include the soils paper in April’s meeting agenda, for final signoff. (by 2nd April 2019)

3. Marine paper

The Committee reviewed the current draft of the marine advice paper.

Actions agreed:

- Melanie to redraft paper and send to Committee for further comments. (by 14th March 2019)
- All members to review the marine advice paper and send their comments. (by 18th March 2019)
- Secretariat to include the marine advice paper in April’s meeting agenda, for final signoff. (2nd April)

4. NCC work streams

The Committee discussed the potential for an environment census.

Action agreed: Kathy to liaise with Secretariat to prepare a census proposal and circulate to members. (by 2nd April 2019)

5. A. O. B.

The Committee noted an action agreed upon during an earlier discussion of plans for advice on the Government’s net gain consultation.

Actions agreed:
• **Paul** to draft paper on net gain ahead of the April teleconference. (by 25th March 2019)
• **Secretariat** to arrange a discussion between Kathy and Paul and the net gain team. (by 2nd April 2019)

The Committee noted an action agreed upon during an earlier discussion on metrics.

**Action agreed: All members** to review their advice on metrics. (by 2nd April 2019)

The Committee re-iterated the need for an international conference, to showcase the UK’s natural capital work.

**Action agreed: Secretariat** to consider options for an international conference. (by 2nd April 2019)

**Action agreed: Secretariat** to consider the government response to the NCC Annual report. (by 22nd April 2019)

**Action agreed: Diane** to provide an update on natural capital accounting at the next meeting. (by 2nd April 2019)