**Summary Report of Farm Animal Welfare Committee plenary meeting**

**Cardiff, 19 June 2019**

**Items discussed**

* Defra, Welsh and Scottish Government summaries of animal welfare activity.
* Defra plans to introduce legislation on sentience of animals.
* FAWC Chair’s report on meetings held including: AHWBE/TBEAG two chair’s co-ordination meetings; officials in Wales, Scotland and Defra; RSPCA/University of Oxford on Animal Sentience and Euro FAWC.
* FAWC’s new ways of working and future working programme including: Publishing of the Defra welfare codes on meat chickens and laying hens. Work is currently in progress on the pig code.
* Detailed consideration of FAWC’s opinion on the welfare of cattle kept for beef production 2019; and FAWC’s Opinion on the Welfare of Animals during Transport 2019.
* Emerging issues such as the potential impact of Brexit on animal welfare and introduction of a grant scheme for farmers to enhance the welfare of animals.
* All operating slaughterhouses (except Wales) now have CCTV.
* FAWC’s role will be expanded and new governance arrangements will be produced.

Further information

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