Actions from NCC meeting 3 March 2020

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

Maniv Pathak, James Farr, Rebecca McIlhiney, Elias Scheuermann, Emma Luke and Andy Canning-Trigg attended from the Secretariat.

1. Updates from the Chair and Defra

Dieter provided an update on his recent meeting with Sir John Armitt, Chairman of the National Infrastructure Commission and Minister Pow’s response to the NCC’s targets advice.

Maniv introduced two new members of the Secretariat: James Farr and Emma Luke, and provided an overview of the Bill process and an update on the Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries Bills.

2. Nature based interventions for attaining net zero

The Committee discussed the nature based interventions paper and agreed to sign it off.

Action agreed: Secretariat to finalise the paper for publication. (by 18 March)


The Committee discussed the analytical approach to assessing the next 25 YEP Progress Report and agreed next steps.

Action agreed: Secretariat to provide an update on the atmosphere and water target areas at the 2 April NCC meeting. (by 27 March)

4. Natural Capital Conference

The Committee discussed the draft Natural Capital Conference proposal and programme.

Actions agreed:

- Secretariat to produce a conference outcomes note / revised programme and circulate. (by 12 March)
- All members to provide comments on the note. (by 19 March)
- Secretariat to circulate paper for discussion at 2 April NCC meeting. (by 27 March)

5. Green book

The Committee discussed the Green Book advice paper and agreed to sign it off.

Action agreed: Secretariat to finalise paper for publishing. (by 6 March)

6. National and corporate natural capital accounts

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

Action agreed: Secretariat to agree a date for a mini roundtable with business. (by 13 March)
7. Any other business

Ian provided an update on recent discussions with the Defra Agricultural Policy team.

Action agreed: Secretariat to produce a timeline of upcoming events. (by 27 March)