

# Summary report of the Zoos Expert Committee (ZEC) meeting May 2022 meeting

Video conference, 9 May 2022

Items discussed:

- Defra provided an overview of the initial responses to the targeted consultation on the draft Standards of Modern Zoo Practice for Great Britain
- Defra provided an update on the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill, which was waiting for a parliamentary slot for its House of Common's Report and Third Reading stages
- ZEC discussed the use of list 1 and list 2 zoo licensing inspectors when nominating inspectors for zoos with a section 14.2 dispensation.
- ZEC discussed possible replacements for the ZEC handbook, as well as other guidance and training that would be needed when the new Zoo Standards came into force
- the Chair provided an update on the Elephant Welfare Group 10-year report. A number of elephant keeping experts had been invited to provide comments on the report, and the ZEC subcommittee were considering ZEC's response.
- the committee discussed dispensations and exemptions under Section 14 of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981, and agreed that the rules for these should be reviewed after the new Zoo Standards had been finalised

## Further information

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