

Summary report of the Zoos Expert Committee (ZEC) February 2023 meeting

Video conference, 10 February 2023

Items discussed

- The Chair welcomed newly appointed ZEC members Lucy Atherton and James Wright to the committee.
- Defra provided an update on the progress of the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill.
- Defra thanked ZEC for the response to the Minister's questions about the Elephant Welfare Group 10-year report review. The Minister is carefully considering the recommendations and will write back to ZEC in due course.
- Defra provided a presentation on the new Penalty Notice regime provided for by the Animals (Penalty Notices) Act 2022, including how this might be applied to the Zoo Licensing Act 1981.
- The subcommittee lead presented a paper setting out progress on revising the Standards of Modern Zoo Practice for Great Britain which provided an analysis of consultation responses.

Further information

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