

## ANIMAL WELFARE & ETHICAL REVIEW BODY

Minutes: 1:30pm, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025, Online meeting

	Items.	AWERB Outcome
1	Attendance: No lay member as no ASPA review. 12 x members in attendance.	
2	Minutes of the last meeting.	
2.1	Approved	Complete
3	Matters arising from the notes of previous meeting (11th February 2025)	
3.1	3.2 Pathogen present in breeding unit	Ongoing
3.2	3.4 Stress impact of fire alarms	Ongoing
3.3	3.4 Refined handling preference to be discussed at January meeting.	NACWOs to consider integrating 3Hs handling habitation into handling training at point of induction and PIL Training Course. Revisit in March meeting
3.4	4.3 Arrangements for adult fish to be used in public engagement activities	Complete
4	Chair's Verbal Report	
4.1	Submissions welcomed to annual ELH 3Rs Award. Discussion of dissemination and communication routes.	
4.2	Discussion of the follow up to feedback given around delays to processes, including updates from Head of ASU, Operations Manager and Academic Lead.	Follow up from meeting with Occupational Health.

	.	Two meetings to be put in place with relevant Named Persons to discuss access process and training and competency Study Plans process.  Consider generation of Study Plans poster and refreshed Staff Poster.
4.3	Minor updates to Terms of Reference to include extra detail on VINs and security screening.	
4.4	Publication of this document on the UERC	Approved.
5	New PPL (None)	
6	PPL Amendment Reviews (None)	
7	Named Persons Reports	
7.1	Named Training and Competency Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of record reviews</li> <li>• New contact routes built into competency expiry reminders</li> <li>• Debut of recent updated 3Rs and Legislation focussed CPD training policy</li> <li>• Example of upcoming CPD opportunities</li> <li>• PIL revocations seen as renewal period approaches</li> <li>• Delivered 4 courses across the academic year with one further planned.</li> <li>• Aiming to handover cross-institutional group Chair role in the autumn following a successful two years.</li> <li>• AWERB response for recent ASRU survey.</li> </ul>	Meeting to be put in to discuss
7.2	Named Veterinary Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement in health status of breeding unit following separation of the lines.</li> <li>• Updates regarding ASRU policies around SC18 processing.</li> <li>• Openness events planned</li> </ul>	

7.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent technical Scholarship win at recent industry Congress</li> </ul> <p>Named Information Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates regarding tissue sharing network collaborations and signposting.</li> <li>Recent presentation at research community event regarding streamlining changes to Tried &amp; Tested initiative.</li> <li>Recruitment update</li> <li>Presentation delivered at national webinar and follow up requests from external organisations</li> <li>Participation and aims of upcoming openness activities</li> <li>Annual Institutional survey for openness activities to be completed</li> <li>Recent ethics drop-in sessions for help with UIN applications</li> <li>Role in upcoming Replacement event</li> <li>Attendance at launch of bioprinting infrastructure open day</li> </ul>	
7.4	<p>Named Animal Care and Welfare Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Example of training refinements for sampling techniques</li> <li>Increased skill in technical staff spotting and communicating issues</li> <li>Discussion of best-practice large animal enrichment following conference attendance</li> <li>Discussion of follow-up of standards at non-regulated aquarium and stabilisation of out-of-hours support.</li> </ul>	
9	Report on Non-Regulated Projects UIN and VIN applications.	
9.1	<p>Non-Regulated Projects – UINs</p> <p>Reviewed: UIN.1 - 3  AWERB approved: 2, 3  AWERB approved pending clarifications: 1  AWERB did not yet approved:</p>	Secretary to inform
9.1.1	UINs to note:	
9.1.2	UIN.1 – Contextualisation of animal welfare benefits required. Consideration to physical safety.	
9.2	<p>Non-Regulated Projects – VINs.</p> <p>Reviewed: VIN.1 - 3  AWERB approved: VIN.1, 2</p>	Secretary to inform

	AWERB approved pending clarifications: 3 AWERB not yet approved:	
9.2.1	VINs to note:  VIN.3 – improvements to Owner Information and Consent Form. Removal of personal information.	
10	Non-Regulated Projects - UIN and VIN amendments  VINAmend.1 – Approved  VINAmend.2 – Approved  UINAmend.1 – Clarity required for experimental groups.	
11	AWERB Hub. (None)	
12	Any Other Business.	
12.1	Discussion on Actions relating to integration of Replacement expert.	
12.2	Positive engagement with local supplier and plans for further future collaboration.	
13	<b>Dates of Next Meetings</b> (Online until further notice but twice yearly in person): 1 <sup>st</sup> April 6 <sup>th</sup> May 10 <sup>th</sup> June 8 <sup>th</sup> July	