

## ANIMAL WELFARE & ETHICAL REVIEW BODY

Minutes: 1:30pm, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Online meeting

	Items.	AWERB Outcome
1	Attendance: 11 x AWERB members	
2	Minutes of the last meeting.	
2.1	Approved	Complete
3	Matters arising from the notes of previous meeting (15 <sup>th</sup> October 2024)	
2.1	2.1 Zebrafish GAA Passport.	Draft received for Dec meeting
2.2	5.2 Discussion regarding AWERB oversight and governance of animals used in veterinary teaching	Complete.
2.3	2.4 Pathogen present in breeding unit	Ongoing
2.4	5.3 Working group formed to work on rehoming policy. Meetings planned for Dec and into the new year which will report regularly to AWERB.	Complete
2.5	11.2 Stress impact of fire alarms	Ongoing
4	Chair's Verbal Report	
4.1	Updated Terms of Reference	Approved subject to additional wording
4.2	Discussion of the rationale for an experiment about to be conducted	Approved.
4.3	Reminder of in-person meeting scheduled for December	



7	Report on Non-Regulated Projects UIN and VIN applications.	
7.1	<p>Non-Regulated Projects – UINs</p> <p>Reviewed: UIN.1 - 10  AWERB approved: 2, 5, 10  AWERB approved pending clarifications: 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8,  AWERB did not yet approved: 9</p>	Secretary to inform
7.1.1	<p>UINs to note:</p> <p>UIN.1 – consent forms required. More detail regarding filming protocol to be included.</p> <p>UIN.3 – more refined protocol to be adopted. Confirmation of partner organisation ethical review and licences being sought required.</p> <p>UIN.4 – scientific methodology question regarding use of anaesthesia</p> <p>UIN.6 – Rationale for handling animals. Further steps require to ensure decontamination of equipment.</p> <p>UIN.7 – more detail required for target behaviours to be observed. Discrepancy in animal numbers.</p> <p>UIN.8 – applicant should investigate potential use of replacement technology through embryonic organoids. Clarification required over specific Schedule 1 routes.</p> <p>UIN.9 – Discussion around the use of live animals for training. Applicants to attend next AWERB to discuss refinement and reduction opportunities.</p> <p>UIN.10 – follow up for confirmation of ethical approval at collaborating institution.</p>	
7.2	<p>Non-Regulated Projects – VINs.</p> <p>Reviewed: VIN.1 - 5  AWERB approved: VIN.3, 4, 5  AWERB approved pending clarifications: 1, 2,</p>	Secretary to inform

	AWERB not yet approved:	
7.2.1	<p>VINs to note:</p> <p>VIN.1 – clarifications required regarding clinical information availability.</p> <p>VIN.2 – case study therefore VIN not required</p> <p>VIN.4 – title requires confirmation</p>	
8	<p>Non-Regulated Projects - UIN and VIN amendments</p> <p>VINAmend.1 – Approved</p> <p>UINAmend.1 – Approved</p>	
9	AWERB Hub. (None)	
10	Any Other Business.	
10.1	Update regarding recommendation for new animal research strategy group formation.	
11	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings</b> (Online until further notice but twice yearly in person):</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> February</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> March</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> April</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> July</p>	