



# ANIMAL WELFARE AND ETHICAL REVIEW BODY

## Minutes

13 January 2022

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19 Present , 2 Apologies, 3 In Attendance

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### 22.1 Declarations of Interest and Quoracy

- .1 The Committee made no declarations of interest.
- .2 The Committee was quorate for the meeting.

### 22.2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 December 2021

- .1 The minutes of the meeting held on 09 December 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record, subject to one correction.

ACTIONS:		Action Owner	Due Date
.2	To correct minute 21.71 to reflect the ethical implications of the delay in Spirometry testing	AWERB Secretary/SR	March 2022

### 22.3 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

#### .1 Action Log

- .1 The action log from the previous meeting had been presented to AWERB and progress updates provided to members.

#### .2 Applications considered at last meeting [Minute 21.69]

##### .1 Dr AL (Secondary Availability)

- .1 The Committee NOTED that the AWERB recommendations had been addressed and the application was due to be submitted to the Home Office.

##### .2 Dr AE

- .1 The Committee NOTED that the applicant had been informed of the Committees recommendations.

##### .3 Dr AM

- .1 The Committee NOTED that the applicant had been informed of the Committees recommendations.

### 22.4 Chair's Business



**.1 Membership**

- .1 The Committee NOTED that the AWERB Chair was due to retire in April 2022.

**22.5 Project Licence Applications**

**.1 Dr AN**

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/22/5 presented by Dr AN. The proposed work involved investigating early cognitive deficits in Alzheimer’s disease.
- .2 A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and Scientific Reader. Questioning primarily focused on the proposed severity limit, the details of the proposed food deprivation and the mortality rates associated with the proposed strain
- .3 The Committee AGREED that the application be progressed subject to addressing comments from the AWERB.

<b>ACTIONS:</b>		<b>Action Owner</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
<b>.4</b>	Applicant to be informed of decision and once comments had been addressed to the satisfaction of the AWERB, then the application could be submitted to the Home Office.	HOLC/AWERB Readers	Jan 2022

**.2 Dr AO (PPL Amendment)**

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/22/8 presented by Dr AO. The proposed amendment involved the monitoring and management of natural signs of aging and the addition of a mobile scanning unit as a POLE.
- .2 A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and Scientific Reader. Questioning primarily focused on how the animals would be monitored and ensuring appropriate authorities were in place to allow for unexpected events, such as equipment failure.
- .3 The Committee AGREED that the urgent elements of the application be approved subject to addressing comments from the AWERB.
- .4 The Committee AGREED that the other elements of the amendment should be submitted via the usual fast-track procedure.

<b>ACTIONS:</b>		<b>Action Owner</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
<b>.5</b>	Applicant to be informed of decision for urgent amendment elements and once comments had been addressed to the satisfaction of the AWERB and BSU Director, then the application could be submitted to the Home Office.	HOLC/AWERB Readers/BSU Director	Jan 2022
<b>.6</b>	Applicant to be informed of decision and resubmit the non-urgent amendments via the normal fast track procedure.	HOLC	Jan 2022



## 22.6 Facilities Update

- .1 The Committee NOTED that a BSU senior management group had been set up to review the systems and process within BSU ahead of the expected Home Office Audit in 2022.
- .2 The BSU Director REPORTED that the Estates department had begun to review the infrastructure and resources required to support the BSU facilities.
- .3 The Committee NOTED that a duty engineer had been appointed to provide 24/7 response to BSU callouts.
- .4 The Committee NOTED that Occupational Health had committed to rectifying the issues surrounding obtaining spirometry assessments.

## 22.7 NC3Rs Update

- .1 The Committee NOTED that the NC3Rs had published an action plan to assist universities with the implementation of the ARRIVE guidelines.
- .2 The Committee NOTED that 'Frontiers' had put out a call for papers for a special issue entitled 'Towards a New 3Rs Era in Experimental Research'. The submission deadlines were Abstracts: 29 May 2022 and Full Manuscripts: 29 November 2022
- .3 The Committee NOTED that three researchers at the university had been awarded funding from the NC3Rs for PhD Studentships. One researcher had been invited to submit a full application for the Skills and Knowledge transfer grant.

<b>ACTIONS:</b>		<b>Action Owner</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
.4	To contact the researcher and offer support and guidance with the application for the Skills and Knowledge transfer grant	NC3Rs Regional Programme Manager	March 2022

## 22.8 Non-ASPA applications

- .1 The Committee NOTED that a summary spreadsheet tracking progress of non-ASPA applications was available.
- .2 The Committee NOTED that all Non-ASPA applications would be reviewed by a Named Veterinary Surgeon.

<b>ACTIONS:</b>		<b>Action Owner</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
.3	To discuss the Non-ASPA review screening process.	BSU Director/ NTCO/ NVS/ AWERB Chair	March 2022

## 22.9 Summary of PPL Applications and Amendments



- .1 The Committee NOTED that a summary spreadsheet tracking progress of PPL applications and amendments was available.

#### **22.10 Approvals by Fast-Track Procedure for Report**

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED papers AWERB/22/1, AWERB/22/2 and AWERB/22/3.
- .2 The Committee NOTED that three project licence amendments had been approved by fast-track procedure.

#### **22.11 Project Licences Granted since Last Meeting**

- .1 The Committee NOTED that three project licences had been granted by the Home Office