
Minutes: AWERB summary minutes

Status: Chair approved

Meeting held: Tuesday 25 January 2022 at 10am via MS Teams

Attendees: 13 plus 1 in attendance, 2 by invitation and 5 apologies

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2022 were confirmed as an accurate record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Item 3.4: working group to revamp mid/end of project licence reviews (12 January 2022 meeting)

The working group was scheduled to meet on 9 February. The issue of PPL Holders including papers that did not relate to work done under the project licence would be included as part of the review.

3.2 Item 3.6: Condition 18 training (12 January 2022 meeting)

The slides from the Home Office had been customised. Training sessions would now be arranged. A presentation would also be given to AWERB.

3.3 Item 3.8: Internal AWERB lay panel members (12 January 2022 meeting)

The shortlisting of applications had nearly been completed. The aim was to contact the shortlisted people that afternoon and to invite them to an introduction to AWERB session and to also attend an AWERB as an observer.

3.4 Item 4: Senior Management involvement at AWERB (12 January 2022 meeting)

A meeting had been arranged with the new Establishment Licence Holder for the following afternoon to discuss AWERB's concerns that the interaction and link between AWERB and senior management could be lost.

3.5 Item 4: AWERB budget (12 January 2022 meeting)

Enquiries had been made whether there could be a formal budget to be used by the Ethics Sub-Committees for training etc. The Chairs have been asked to provide an estimation of how much they would need.

3.6 Item 6.2: Teaching Ponies (12 January 2022 meeting)

Senior management would be attending a future meeting to discuss AWERB's concerns in relation to the teaching ponies. The discussion would be expanded to also include the teaching cows following an incident between one of the cows and a technician which had required medical treatment.

4 PROJECT LICENCE: NEW LICENCE APPLICATION FOR SECONDARY AVAILABILITY AT THE RVC

The project licence holder (PPLH) was welcomed to the meeting. She had submitted an application for a replacement project licence that would have secondary availability at the RVC. The aim of the project was to ensure that biological medicines were both safe and effective by testing the quality and potency of biological medicines before release onto the market, by enabling the development of accurate preclinical tests. The work was important to ensure that biological medicines were well characterised, safe and effective. One of the protocols would be carried out at the RVC as they did not have the relevant facilities at their establishment.

AWERB discussed the project licence.

The key points were:

- ensuring that it was made clearer in the licence how the PPLH had approached using non animal alternatives and reducing the numbers of animals in the licence
- Identifying whether there was any advice that the RVC had provided that contradicted advice that her establishment had given.

The PPLH was thanked for attending the meeting. The licence would be amended and re-circulated for a final check.

5 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

- 9 February 2022 – standing agenda items meeting
- 22 February 2022 – PPL review meeting

Secretary

1 February 2022