

ANIMAL WELFARE & ETHICAL REVIEW BODY

Minutes: 1:30pm, 16th January 2024, Online meeting

	Items.	AWERB Outcome
1	Attendance: 11 x members (no lay members, reviewing offline), 2 x observers	
2	Minutes of the last meeting.	
2.1	Under review	Ongoing
3	Matters arising from the notes of previous meeting (12 th December 2023)	
3.1	3.1 Generation of communal SOPs for audit preparation progressing	Ongoing.
3.2	3.2 Governance routes for commercial work carried out under service PPLs.	Ongoing.
3.3	3.4 Collaborative ASU/researcher nesting enrichment study	Ongoing.
3.4	3.5 Streamlining process for VIN owner follow-up contact.	Ongoing.
3.6	3.7 Establishment of UK-wide association of veterinary research reviewers.	Ongoing.
3.7	3.8 Zebrafish GAA Passport	Ongoing.
3.8	3.10 Ethical approval and governance routes involved with the use of animals overseas	Ongoing.
3.9	3.11 Facilitation of working group of decapod researchers	Complete.
3.10	3.13 Discussion should be scheduled about licences that can support more than one research group.	Ongoing.
4	Chair's Report	
4.1	Discussion of judging experience of upcoming ELH 3Rs Award and agenda for the event.	

5	Culture of Care subgroup	
5.1	Meeting planned for the end of the month – discussion of agenda.	
6	3Rs	
6.1	Discussion regarding the content of this section going forward	
6.2	Discussion regarding support routes to help applicants produce best-practice protocols for common techniques.	Begin working on internal template wording for common Steps in Protocol to reflect best-practice (e.g water restriction, animal numbers).
7	Project Licences – New Applications.	
7.1	<p>PPL.1Jan24</p> <p>Aims: Obesity is a major contributing factor to a wide range of health issues including heart disease, strokes and cancer. To advance understanding of the neural mechanisms regulating food and water intake throughout the day and how these alter in response to diet with the aim of identifying strategies that could be used to modulate dietary intake to healthy levels</p> <p>Benefits: In the long term the work is expected to contribute to the development and implementation of policies and health care advice to tackle the obesity crisis.</p> <p>Harms: Mice, food and water restriction, food modification, surgery. Largely moderate (75%)</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regime of diet control across age ranges • Use of both sexes and within-animal controls • Successful interventions • Routes of administration • Drugs of interest • Adverse effects associated with aged animals • Good use of diagram • Justification for group sizes 	Approved subject to minor clarifications

8.	Project Licences – Amendments. (None)	
9.	Report on Non-Regulated Projects UIN and VIN applications.	
9.1	Non-Regulated Projects – UINs Reviewed: UIN.1, 2 AWERB approved: 1 AWERB approved pending clarifications: 2 AWERB did not yet approved:	Secretary to inform
9.1.1	UINs to note: UIN.2 Clarity required for total numbers.	
9.2	Non-Regulated Projects – VINs. Reviewed: VIN.1 - 3 AWERB approved: 1 - 3 AWERB approved pending clarifications: AWERB not yet approved:	Secretary to inform
9.2.1	VINs to note: VIN.3 – to be converted to UIN Form	
10	Non-Regulated Projects - UIN and VIN amendments (None)	
10	AWERB Hub. (None)	
11	Any Other Business.	
11.1	PPL secondary Availability approvals with the committee for oversight	
11.2	Animal research case studies	

11.3	Mid Term & Final Review subgroup formation	Allocate specific reviewers going forward
11.4	AWERB Terms of Reference – discussion of routes for lay membership recruitment.	To be approved awaiting final feedback via emails.
12	Dates of Next Meetings (Online until further notice but twice yearly in person) 20 Feb 2024 19 Mar 2024 23 Apr 2024 21 May 2024 18 Jun 2024 16 Jul 2024	