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JOINT NATURE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

MATTERS ARISING

This paper deals with points not covered by substantive items on the agenda. The number relates to the minutes of the December 2004 and March 2005 meetings.

6. **Options for the future names of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC 04 P21)**

The work to consult stakeholders about whether there was a risk of confusion between Nature UK and the names of other organisations (in particular, English Nature) agreed by the FMPR sub-group in January 2005 did not proceed. This was primarily because it would have been prohibitively expensive to carry out such market research in a way that would have satisfactorily addressed English Nature's concerns.

Defra have recommended that a proposal for a new name for JNCC be included as a package of measures for JNCC (including revised funding arrangements) that would be submitted for Ministerial approval in the summer. Further consultation will be carried out on this issue.

5. **Corporate Plan for 2005-2008 (JNCC 05 P05)**

Sign-off of the Corporate Plan was delayed by the General Election and is still awaited.

6. **Delegations to and within the JNCC Support company (JNCC 05 P02)**

The company limited by guarantee established on 2 March 2005 became operable on 1 April 2005. All but a small number of the staff previously assigned to the JNCC Support Unit were transferred to the company with effect from 1 April 2005. The payroll and other systems relating to the new company have been operating satisfactorily.