

## **Summary Report of Farm Animal Welfare Committee plenary meeting London, 13 March 2013**

### **Introduction**

This was the first meeting chaired by new FAWC Chairman Peter Jinman. New members Andy Butterworth, Richard Jennison and Kate Rawles were also welcomed to their first meeting.

The Committee was pleased to welcome the Chief Veterinary Officer for the UK and officials from Defra's Animal Welfare Team.

### **Items for discussion**

- Detailed consideration of a draft Opinion on the welfare of farmed and park deer.
- Detailed consideration of draft advice on space and headroom allowances for transport of farm animals.
- A 'blue-sky' discussion about FAWC's future priorities and ways of working.
- Update on ongoing work on the Report on the evidence base for farm animal welfare.
- Consideration of draft letters on two farm animal welfare issues: Small holders with farm animals; and Farm animal welfare and housing.
- Reaction to the publication of the Opinion on the welfare implications of breeding and breeding technology.
- Next steps for the Breeding work stream.
- Reaction to the publication of the Report on Farm Animal Welfare: Health and Disease.
- Review of the future and purpose of the Liaison Group of UK Animal Welfare Advisory Bodies, and reaction to the publication of its discussion document on UK law relating to animal welfare.
- A presentation on mechanical stunning methods.
- Updates on the ongoing work of FAWC's Standing Committees and Working Groups.
- Updates on the activities of the Defra Animal Welfare Team and wider animal welfare activities in Europe.

### **Chairman's report**

The Chairman had held a handover meeting with the previous Chairman, Professor Christopher Wathes. He had also met the Chairman of the Animal Health and Welfare Board for England, and officials from Defra's Animal Welfare Team.

### **Next meetings**

Thursday 20 June 2013, in Edinburgh  
Thursday 24 October 2013, in Cardiff

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