

Summary Report of Farm Animal Welfare Committee plenary meeting Cardiff, 24 October 2013

Introduction

The Committee was welcomed to Cardiff by officials from the Welsh Government's Animal Welfare Team.

Items for discussion

- Consideration of a draft letter on housing and farm animal welfare
- Update on FAWC's suggestions about CAP funding for an animal health and welfare stewardship scheme
- Response to Defra consultation on the reform of the farm animal welfare codes: discussion on next steps for FAWC input
- Conclusion of the review of the FAWC Work Plan for 2013-2016
- Detailed consideration of a draft Opinion on the welfare of farmed fish
- Scoping discussion on an Opinion on the welfare of animals kept for beef production
- Consideration of a draft Opinion on the welfare of farmed fish at the time of killing
- Detailed consideration of a draft Report on the evidence base for farm animal welfare
- Recruitment of expertise to the Committee
- Updates on the ongoing work of FAWC's Standing Committees and Working Groups
- Updates on the activities of the Welsh Government and Defra Animal Welfare Teams

Chairman's report

The Chairman had represented FAWC at a number of conferences and had met with Defra Animal Health and Welfare Team Officials, the AHWBE animal welfare representative, Macedonian Agriculture Minister and Alun Davies, Welsh Government Minister for Natural Resources and Food. He had held meetings with Welsh stakeholders and attended a meeting of Scientific Advisory Committee Chairs and Departmental Chief Scientific Advisors.

Next meetings

13 February 2014, London
19 June 2014, Edinburgh
9 October 2014, London

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