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Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body (AWERB)

The 72nd Meeting of the AWERB was held on Friday 21 April 2023 2pm – 4pm, MS Teams

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PART I - PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Present:

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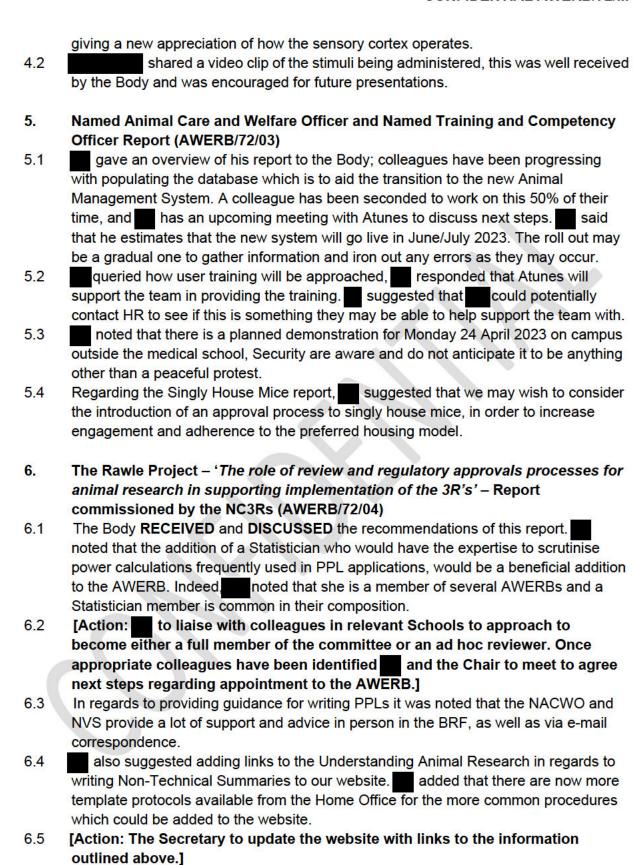
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1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies:
In Attendance: (Secretary)
Minutes - (AWERB/71/M)
The Committee APPROVED the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2023.
Matters arising from the Minutes - (AWERB/72/01)
The Committee NOTED the matters arising.
discussion regarding the reformation of the BRF Management Committee, which is currently under consideration by senior managers.

PART II - MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION

4.	– Mid-Term PPL Review - (AWERB/72/02)
4.1	The Body welcomed to the meeting who was in attendance to give
	his Mid-Term Review regarding his Project Licence 'How neuronal activity links
	sensations, perceptions and actions'. The Body received a PowerPoint presentation
	from on his study which is investigating sequencing within the brain in
	regards to stimuli. During the course of the study it has been discovered that the
	neurons are primarily responding to the animal's action, rather than external stimuli



applicants. This suggestion was welcomed by the Body, however the most appropriate way to disseminate this information once developed needs to be

suggested that an annotated exemplar application may be useful for new PPL

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discussed and agreed.

7.	AWERB governance processes and the ASRU Change Programme
	(AWERB/72/05)

- 7.1 The AWERB RECEIVED and DISCUSSED the 9 questions which were circulated to attendees (Annex C). which focused on the ASRU Change Programme and the AWERB governance programme.
- 7.2 There was a general discussion regarding the potential introduction of a 3Rs Group and a 3Rs Champion. noted that he was supportive of the idea, but added that a clear remit and terms of reference must be created for the role and the group, and the remit must be distinct from pre-existing groups.
- 7.3 added that she is member of a 3Rs Group at another organisation. [Action: Secretary to contact for a copy of the Terms of Reference for the 3Rs Group she is a member of.]
- 7.4 [Action: The Chair and to meet to discuss this in further detail and suggest a way forward.]

PART III - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

8.	Concordat on	Openness in Animal	Research Action Plan	(AWERB/72/06)
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8.1	The AWERB NOTED the COAR Action Plan. , the former Head of
	Communications has now left the University. noted that there is a fresh opportunity
	to engage with the Communications Team and discuss the importance of the
	Concordat with them. [Action: Secretary to arrange meeting with the new Head of
	Communications, and for an introductory meeting and to discuss our
	commitment to openness in animal research.]

AWERB Membership

Ex-officio

- AWERB Chair and Representative of the Biomedical Research Facility User Group:
- Establishment Licence Holder:
- Named Veterinary Surgeon:
- Named Animal Care & Welfare Officer (NACWO) and BRF Manager:

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Interim Named Training and Competency Officer (NCTO):

Representative members

Two lay members, at least one of whom should have no responsibility under the Act:

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- Project Licence Holders representative:
- Personal Licence Holders representative:
- School of Psychology representative:
- Brighton and Sussex Medical School representative:
- Member:

In attendance

- Chair of the BRF Management Forum (at the invitation of the Chair as appropriate but to attend at least one meeting per academic year.)
- Head of Research Ethics, Integrity and Governance: VACANT
- Secretary to the AWERB: