



ANIMAL WELFARE AND ETHICAL REVIEW BODY (AWERB)

Minutes of a meeting of Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body held on Thursday
10th January 2019 from 10.00am to 12.00pm in [REDACTED]

PART 1 – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Present

[REDACTED] (Chair and Holder of the Certificate of Designation), Dr [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (School of Psychology), [REDACTED] (Named Animal Care &
Welfare Officer), [REDACTED] (Lay Member), [REDACTED] (BSMS), [REDACTED]
(Local Home Office Inspector), [REDACTED] (Named Veterinary Surgeon), [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Lay Member)

In attendance: [REDACTED] (Research Governance Officer), [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Secretary).

Apologies for absence were received from: [REDACTED]
(Representative of the Project Licence Holders), [REDACTED] (Representative of
the Ancillary Unit User Group) and [REDACTED] (Representative of the
Personal Licence Holders).

2. Minutes

The Committee **APPROVED** the Minutes of the meeting held on 02nd October 2018.
(AWERB/54/M)

3. Matters arising from the minutes

To **NOTE** an update of the matter arising from the minutes. (AWERB/55/01) Of note:

- Expected completion date of action to be included in the table.
- Secretary, [REDACTED] to meet to progress the items currently outstanding and to update the Committee at the April meeting.

PART II – MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION

4. Report from the Chair

- The Committee was informed that [REDACTED] has now taken over as the Establishment Licence Holder.
- The Life Sciences building programme is currently in pre-project phase. The review with regards to the Ancillary Unit building continues and consideration is being given to the options regarding refurbishment or new building etc.

5. Report from the Home Office Inspector

The Committee **RECEIVED** an oral update from [REDACTED]. Of note:

- Establishment Licence Fee to be increased by 9% to £826.00.
- PIL fees to be increased by 7% to £275.00.
- Home Office are working to introduce a replacement to ASPeL with the focus on making applications and amendments easier.
- ASPeL will not be used after August 2019.
- Home Office to introduce themed visits focussing on mouse handling, single needle use and food and water provision.

6. Named Animal Care & Welfare Officer (NACWO)

The AWERB **RECEIVED** an update report from the NACWO. (**AWERB/55/02**) key points:

- Six new PILs have been grants and two PPL amendments approved.
- Three condition 18 reports submitted. **[ACTION: [REDACTED] to provide details of condition 18 reports at future AWERB meetings]**
- New policies for re-homing, education and training and breeding are being prepared and will be submitted for approval at the next AWERB meeting. **[ACTION: [REDACTED] to progress]**
- Since October training/assessment sessions have been delivered in the following areas:
 - Schedule 1
 - I.P Injections
 - Handling
 - Ear Biopsies
 - Induction
- Renaming of the AU has the support of both the AWERB and the users. **[ACTION: [REDACTED] to prepare a report for the Chair to take forward.]**

7. Report from the Named Veterinary Surgeon (NVS)

The AWERB **NOTED** the update from the Named Veterinary Surgeon (NVS). Of note:

- No evidence of pinworm or mites in the last health check.
- The investigation into the cause of the abscesses on the mice in the IVC has proved inconclusive but the colony has now been eliminated.
- Zebrafish were health screened with clear results, however larvae was found in the filters of the tanks. This is confirmed as fly larvae and the appropriate treatment has been introduced.
- A recent water quality check has highlighted the presence of a number of organisms in the water which the laboratory have stated are harmless bacteria.
- In November a provision was made for antibiotic treatment for injured mice on notification to the NVS. Senior technicians are able to start treatment when necessary and report to the NVS. Written guidelines to be prepared.
- There is a national shortage of isoflurane. We currently have enough stock to last until the resupply at the end of January.

8. Recommendations from the Applications Review Group (ARG)

The Committee **NOTED** the summary of recommendations made by the Applications Review Group (ARG) since the last AWERB meeting. **(AWERB/55/03)**

9. NC3R's Working Group

The Committee **RECEIVED** an update from [REDACTED] the NC3Rs working group which is a two year project that started in November 2018. **(AWERB/55/04)** The Group will consider best practice across the UK on a variety of topics and will identify which aspects of protocols benefit most from pooling of expertise into a standard approach.

PART III – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

10. Dates of future meetings

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

11. Any other business

None.

[REDACTED]
Secretary
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