

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 25/02/2026

Time 10am

To Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

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In attendance: [REDACTED]

Scientists in attendance for 1a) [REDACTED] **1b)** N/A, **1c)** N/A, **1d)** N/A & **1e)** N/A

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes: [REDACTED]

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: [REDACTED] also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of further information in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Consideration for whether any further refinements can be included to support specific animals in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary and step 4 of Protocol 6, step 7 of Protocol 7 and step 9 of Protocol 8 if appropriate.
- Consideration for whether the last slide of the applicant's presentation can be included in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of specific references in the General Principles in the Action plan.
- The increase in animal numbers in the Animals used in this protocol section of Protocol 2.
- Further clarification required regarding specific animals in step 3 and the Protocol justification section of Protocol 5, step 4 of Protocol 6, step 7 and the genetically altered animals' section of Protocol 7 and step 9 of Protocol 9.
- Further clarification required in step 3 of Protocol 5.
- Further amendment of step 2 of Protocol 8.
- Further detail required in step 2 of Protocol 8.
- Further explanation required in step 2 of Protocol 10.
- Further clarification required regarding the typical experience for specific animals in the Animal experience section of Protocol 10.

The committee agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

(b) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of an endpoint for specific animals in step 8 of Protocol 5.



- The removal of specific wording that is not required in the Protocol justification section of Protocol 5.

The committee agreed minor changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

(c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee reviewed the amendment and had no recommendations for the researcher to consider before submission to the Home Office.

(d) Amendment: [REDACTED] was also in attendance)

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of supportive interventions for specific animals in step 5 of Protocol 4.
- Further clarification required for specific animals in step 5 and the Animal experience section of Protocol 4.

The committee agreed minor changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

(e) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of the information from the applicant's presentation in the Benefits and 3Rs sections of the Non-Technical Summary.

The committee agreed minor changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) None

3. Minutes of the AWERB Non-Reg Committee Meeting 08/02/26

The minutes were noted by the committee.

4. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 03/12/26 & 07/01/26

The minutes were noted by the committee.

5. Minutes of the AWERB Operations Committee 19/12/26

The minutes were noted by the committee.

6. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

7. List items of note

None

Date of next meeting: 25/03/2026