

Minutes

Date Friday, 11/01/2019

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Meeting Room, UBS

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

Our Ref Doc.UBS.AWERB.11.01.19

Present:

Scientists in attendance for 1a) N/A

Apologies:

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1. Project Licences

a) Amendment:

The committee discussed the following:

- Further information around specific procedures planned in the Part D: Project Plan.
- Justification around why specific models have been chosen in the Part D: Project Plan.
- Repeated words that need deleting.
- Further information around the increased benefits in the Part C: Benefits section.
- The inclusion of specific references in the adverse effects section of Protocol 7.
- Application type.
- The amendment of specific sentences in the Non-Technical Summary.

The committee recommended changes were made before a draft was submitted to the Home Office.

b) Amendment:

The committee discussed the following:

- Further clarification and justification required in the Part D: Project Plan in regards to specific procedures planned.
- Information around the planned pilot studies in the Part D: Project Plan and the recommendation that the applicant ensures they have the necessary authorities within the protocols to complete this.
- Information around specific procedures planned in Protocols 10, 11 and 12.
- Further information in the Part D: Refinements section.
- The recommendation that information included in the applicants presentation is added to the Part C: Benefits section.
- Further information added to the Non-Technical Summary so this also reflects the amendment planned.



- Application type.

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c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Increase in funding added to the Part A: Funding Box.
- The recommendation that the information included in the applicants presentation around the additional benefits this amendment provides is added to the Part C: Benefits section.
- Further information included in the Part D: Reduction box.
- Information added to the Non-Technical Summary to reflect the increase in animal numbers.
- Further information added to the Non-Technical Summary in regards to additional benefits, reductions and refinements this amendment will add.

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2. Minutes of AWERB Committee 19/12/18

The minutes were noted.

3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

- a) None

4. Any other business

[REDACTED] presented his notes from the RSPCA Lay Members forum. The importance of the harm benefit analysis was one topic of discussion and [REDACTED] felt the approach taken by the University of Cambridge's AWERB committee was appropriate. As lay members they stressed the importance of the Retrospective Review as well as NVS and NACWO input which contributed to their understanding of the work reviewed by AWERB.

The committee discussed the importance of the lay summary when reviewing amendments which provided the lay members (as well as the rest of the committee) with a useful tool to aid their understanding of the proposed amendment; unfortunately these were not always submitted by the PPL holders with their papers for AWERB. The committee agreed to make this a requirement and this information would be disseminated (via the PELH update) to all PPL holders.

A discussion took place around the information received by the committee lay members who were not on the rota to attend specific meetings but might wish to provide their comments to the nominated lay member. It was agreed that for new applications the lay members would receive an agenda and a copy of the Non-Technical summary and for amendment applications they would receive an agenda and a copy of the lay summary.

The Animals in Science Committee recruitment letter was distributed. If members wish to apply they must follow the instructions in the letter. The closing date for applications is 28th January.

5. Date of next meeting: 30/01/19