Date: Wednesday, 02/08/2017
Time: 8.30am
To: [Redacted]
At: [Redacted]
Subject: AWERB 3Rs Committee

In Attendance:

Apologies:

1. Minutes
   Updated minutes were circulated - these were agreed

2. Matters Arising
   None

3. Retrospective Reviews
   (a) [Redacted]
   This licence was granted in February 2013 and will be replaced. The Home Office has requested a Retrospective Assessment on 20th Dec 2017.
   - The committee was impressed with the answers given in Section 2.3.
   - The committee suggested adding reference to their communication with the Home Office regarding the Standard Condition 18 reports in Section 2.3.
   - Section 4.4 requires further information.
   - Section 4.8 using another vertebrate species is not an example of reduction.
   - Section 4.9 requires clarification to show which protocols were used for rederivation or make it clear if the work was undertaken by a third party.
   - The RR should only contain information relevant to work undertaken during the tenure of the licence. Therefore, the references to papers published in 2013 may need to be removed.
   - Several protocols have not been used so when drawing up the new licence the committee recommended that they consider carefully their predictions of the work that will be carried out.

   (b) [Redacted]
This licence was granted in December 2012 and will be continuing with a new licence.

- Rewording of Section 2.5 should be considered.
- Corrections needed in the table in Section 3.1 so it reflects actual severity protocols rather than the highest permitted.
- The table in Section 3.2 should be checked for inaccuracies and further information added.
- The table in Section 3.3 should be amended to include numbers and percentages.
- The table in Section 3.4 should be amended to include a brief summery.
- The committee requested a sentence be added to Section 3.6 to include the measures now in place.
- The committee was impressed by the answer given in Section 4.2.
- Section 4.5 requires further information. The committee recommended a scoring system be put in place for monitoring welfare.

4. Project Licence Applications

(a) This licence involves work undertaken under a severe protocol and has already been to AWERB Sub-committee therefore focus on 3Rs only.

- The committee discussed the use of husbandry to reduce the risks when re-grouping takes place and consideration given to whether it would be more appropriate to single house incompatible males. Wording in the licence should provide examples of monitoring and strategies in place for this.
- Protocol 5 requires further information to cover age related adverse effects.

5. 3Rs information/reports

- has circulated the paper ‘Why published research is untrustworthy’.
- confirmed the NC3R’s have introduced the Predict project.
- There are several workshops now advertised in the Cam tech care.
- confirmed the Tamoxifen Workshop will be held on the 28th September and a flyer will be in the Cam Tech Care advertising this soon.

6. Minutes of NPC meeting*

7. Any Other Business

- As time permits, confirmed that two severity protocol licences will be handled per meeting as previously discussed.
- discussed the importance of promoting the use of new equipment.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 6th September 2017

* Items for information only unless un-starred by committee member