Date: Wednesday, 03/05/2017
Time: 8.30am
To: [Redacted]
At: [Redacted]
Subject: AWERB 3Rs Committee

Apologies:

1. Minutes
The minutes were approved after minor changes.

2. Matters Arising
[Redacted] confirmed that [Redacted] has submitted an application for the [Redacted].

3. Retrospective Reviews
   (a) This licence was granted in December 2011 but has now expired.
       - It was noted that the RR contains a large number of typographical errors which should be addressed.
       - The RR should only contain information relevant to the work undertaken during the tenure of the licence. Therefore, the references to papers published and presentations given in 2011 should be removed.
       - Section 4.9 requires further information. The committee suggested providing examples which illustrate the work.

   (b) The licence was granted in December 2012 and continuity will be required.
       - The severity classification should be checked for protocols 4 and 9.
       - After reported side effects of tamoxifen, the committee advised that a member of the group attend the tamoxifen workshop being held later this year.
       - The committee were impressed with the response in Section 4.8 on replacement methods.
       - Details on how overbreeding is kept to a minimum is requested and what steps are
taken to utilise excess animals

(c) The retrospective review contains a number of typographical errors which need to be attended to
• The table is section 3.1 should be amended to record numbers instead of percentages
• Also under section 3.1, the estimated number of animals has been exceeded. These numbers should be checked and the Home Office Inspector contacted if necessary.
• The committee questioned if there has been over breeding on the licence and what steps are taken to keep this to a minimum
• The committee felt the information provided in section 4.5 did not address the questions adequately. If no additional measures have been introduced for the welfare of the animals, the boxes should be left blank

4. Project Licence Applications
None

5. Severe Severity project licences
(a) Review template
The template for reviewing severe severity protocol licences was circulated to the committee ahead of the meeting. Members agreed the template content.

(b) Consideration of which PPLs should be reviewed
disseminated a spreadsheet with animal numbers on severe severity protocol licences.

6. 3Rs information/reports
None

7. Minutes of NPC meeting*

8. Any Other Business
None

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7th June 2017

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