

	<p><u>04.04/19</u> Barn extension update The Conservation Officer is to meet with the Ranger team to discuss what can be done in the short term to alleviate space issues. Some items will be taken to auction in February</p>	SA/CF
	<p><u>04.05/19</u> Conservator vs Commoner comparison of grazing costs A report is required to look at this issue strategically and should be ready for the next meeting</p>	CF
05/19	<p>Financial Information for the Programme Committee <u>05.01/19</u> Countryside Stewardship Financial Summary for information PROG <u>01/19</u> The expected CS payment will be made by the end of March 2019. The late payment could cause cashflow problems from mid-February. Accessing restricted reserves should be acceptable as the risk is considered to be low. This matter to be referred to the next Finance and Regulatory Committee meeting for discussion and action if needed.</p>	LM
06/19	<p>Forest Conservation Reports <u>06.01/19</u> Conservation Officer's report PROG <u>02/19</u> The Conservation Officer stressed that this winter had been successful in terms of the amount of work achieved. The committee recognised the amount of work that has been carried out by the conservation volunteers and the Ranger on the North Chase. The Conservation Officer will find out if gorse is still used by horse racing courses</p> <p><u>06.02/19</u> Amended Deer Business Plan (Option 2) PROG <u>03/19</u> The action plan has been revised and will be circulated to the Committee with a guidance note. A working party will convene to revisit the plan for clarity with a focus on finance, procurement arrangement and any other relevant matters. The plan to sell venison is unlikely to be in place this season.</p> <p><u>06.03/19</u> Grazing Officer's report PROG <u>04/19</u> Further to the paper the Committee were advised that Wakehurst had extended the area allowed for grazing.</p> <p><u>06.04/19</u> Management Team Meeting report PROG <u>05/19</u> A working party will meet with the Rangers/Grazing Team to discuss the problem of gorse. The Conservation Officer will produce a short summary for the Commoners Meeting outlining how the gorse is dealt with. Commercial woodland management should be investigated as timber prices are rising. The Conservation Officer highlighted that a lot of time is spent by the Rangers on procuring contracts for repeat work. The Committee agreed that the term for these contracts could be increased. A paper should be produced for the F&R Committee</p>	SA SA JC KD
07/19	<p>Compliance Checklist and Monitoring <u>07.01/19</u> Monitoring and evaluating the impact of management To be discussed at the next meeting</p> <p><u>07.02/19</u> CS compliance monitoring To facilitate the fencing proposal a bid has been put in for an up-to-date SSSI condition report. The outcome will be known by the next meeting</p> <p><u>07.03/19</u> Risk assessments and monitoring The ADAS grazing risk assessment will be reviewed</p>	SA/CF

08/19	Fencing Consultation <u>08.01/19 Fencing communication strategy</u> The Committee entered confidential session The Committee left confidential session	
09/19	Communications <u>09.01/19 New Governance Model</u> The Committee recognised it is crucial that communications from the Conservators is professional and carefully managed. It was agreed that procuring external advice to achieve this would be of some benefit. In the short-term, Wakehurst Place has offered its willingness to provide advice which would be beneficial. Over the longer-term it is hoped that the HLF Resilient Heritage grant may provide resources to build communications capacity. <u>09.02/19 Development of relationships with outside bodies</u> It was reported that the Conservation Officer had attended a meeting at Crowborough Town Council.	ST
10/19	Forest Amenity and Education <u>10.01/19 Increase in dog attacks (on horses and livestock)</u> The Clerk advised the Committee of the increase in number of reported dog related incidents. The Committee agreed that a strong statement from the Conservators was needed. The Committee proposed for a Joint Working Group with the FinReg Committee to review all aspects of our policies and programme focused on dogs once the SAMMS Access Officer is recruited. This issue will also be discussed at the next FinReg Committee meeting.	KD
11/19	Retail Offer and Trading Arm <u>11.01/19 Venison sales</u> This should be included as part of the Deer Business plan. The Committee requested an appraisal of the deer programme to date, including the recruitment and use of stalkers, benefits/disbenefits, value/costs, licensing and risks etc. The Committee was reminded that it is a requirement of the CS funding that the deer population is sustainable after 5 years of the programme, and that the deer programme is being monitored for this purpose.	SA
12/19	Strategic Plan and Conservation Management Plan review <u>12.01/19 Urgent action needed before next meeting – Working Group</u> Nothing to report	
13/19	Management Information Nothing to report	
14/19	Any urgent item for which the Clerk has notice in order to pass to the Chairman The committee was informed that there is a new interim CEO for Natural England.	

The meeting closed at 16:20