



Science Advisory Council

SAC Epidemic Diseases sub-group

Agenda for second meeting

8th June 2004, 12 noon to 4pm (lunch provided)
Defra, Room 806, Nobel House, Smith Square, London

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Expected attendees:

Jeffrey Waage (*Chair*)
Roy Anderson
Philip Lowe
Mark Woolhouse
Roger Eddy
Matt Keeling
Laura Green
Jeremy Worth
Tim Bradshaw
Jo Wallace

Apologies from:

David Black

The sub-group will also be joined by a number of senior Defra experts:

Fred Landeg	Veterinary Exotic Diseases Division
Simon Hewitt	Animal Movements and Exotic Diseases Division
Ann Waters	State Veterinary Service
John Wilesmith	Animal Health and Welfare Directorate General
David Paton (tbc)	Institute of Animal Health- Pirbright
Tony McDougal	Defra Communications Directorate
Gary Clarke	Defra Communications Directorate

Agenda

1. Welcome, introductions and lunch from 12 noon
2. Discussion on general issues identified in first meeting:
 - Defra's priorities—what is Defra seeking to minimise in an outbreak
 - Pre-outbreak policy—active prevention, biosecurity and diagnosis
 - Movement bans, data capture, operational delays and culling options
3. Discussion on vaccination issues:
 - Logistics of management assuming vaccine is available e.g. speed and scale of vaccination, testing, report on modelling
 - Report on efficacy of vaccines and availability
 - Vaccination scenarios
 - Exit strategies
4. Discussion on risk communication issues (Tony McDougal, Gary Clarke)
 - Internal communication
 - Active role of farmers and vets in pre-outbreak prevention
 - Active role of stakeholders during outbreak (especially vets and farmers)
 - Communication with the public

Suggest from 3pm onwards...

5. Identify and summarise key issues that still need to be addressed
6. Identify areas where the sub-group can now comment/ offer advice
 - Prepare an outline of this advice for Secretariat to work-up
7. Time line for action:
 - After this meeting: further input from members
 - 10th June first draft paper from Secretariat, members to comment
 - 14th June second draft produced... final comments from members
 - 16th June final version of paper signed off by Chair and passed to SAC
8. AOB
9. Date of Next Meeting
(e.g. to follow-up this work after the 29th June test of the FMD plan)