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Scotland's Nature Agency

**SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE: SIXTY SIXTH MEETING – 18 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**AT: Edinburgh**

**AGENDA – OPEN SESSION**

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**Teas/Coffee from 10.45**

1. **Welcome, apologies for absence and declarations of interest 11.00**
2. **Minutes, action points and matters arising from the meeting held 11.05**

**on 27 March 2023**

To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting, update the SAC on

action points and other matters arising.

1. **Oral update on NatureScot Board business 11.10**

Chair to update the Committee

***Discussion Papers***

1. **Horizon scanning – marine 11.15**

(Clive Mitchell, Beth Scott, Ben James, Sarah Cunningham) (SAC/2023/09/01)

1. **Building systems thinking into how NatureScot commissions research and 11:40**

**evidence work**

Presentation by Wayne Powell (Board member and Head of SRUC)

1. **SAC sub group update 12:10**

(Sarah Hutcheon, Des Thompson)(SAC/2023/09/02)

1. **Board/SAC meeting – Feb 2024 12:20**

(Eileen Stuart) (SAC/2023/09/03)

1. **CASE studentships in NatureScot 12:35**

(Alex Mackay) (SAC/2023/09/04)

1. **Information Papers 12:50**

(Short papers presented for information and for SAC members’ questions for clarification).

SAC/2023/09/Info01 Indirect drivers of biodiversity loss - report (Alan Cameron*)*

1. **AOB 12:55**

**End of Open Session**