



National Sheep Association

NSA UK Policy and Technical Committee Meeting

**Wednesday 7th March 2018 at the Ibis Styles Hotel, Birmingham Airport
Bickenhill Lane, Marston Green, Birmingham B40 1PQ**

Please note the new location and be aware we're NOT in the Ibis Budget (which is very close by!)

Before the meeting, starting at 10am

Presentation from Achalen Holmes and Kim Haywood of Aglive, an Australian company running livestock traceability systems that plans to submit a tender to the DEFRA Livestock Information Programme.

Meeting, starting at 11am

1. Welcome and apologies *indicates paper(s) provided
2. Housekeeping for first meeting of 2017
 - Approval of Terms of Reference*
 - Approval of Eddie Eastham, elected by NSA English Committee as the new UKP&T rep
 - Approval of co-opted committee members
 - Election of committee chairman
3. Minutes of last meeting* and actions arising
4. Report from January ram sales meeting
5. Brexit
 - Latest progress on Defra's Agriculture Bill / progress in devolved nations
 - Joint industry statement in Sunday Times*
 - NSA vision for future of farm support*
 - Future sheep identification/traceability systems

Lunch

6. Update from Nicola on NSA research activity
7. Sheep and trees
 - Presentation from George on why forestry is perceived to be a more attractive option than sheep in Scotland and Northern England
 - Update from Joanne on work with the Woodland Trust to update Sheep & Trees booklet*
8. Quick updates on ongoing policy areas
 - TSEs/Carcase splitting
 - Lynx
 - Red Tractor Assurance
 - Live exports
 - Sheep scab / dip disposal licences
 - Foot-and-mouth national exercise
 - Bluetongue*
 - Price reporting
9. Any other business
10. Dates of next meetings
 - Dates are Wednesday 6th June, Tuesday 4th September and Wednesday 5th December.
 - All three at Birmingham Airport or December meeting in London as usual?



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