

OPEN MEETING

DEFRA SCIENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL
14 OCTOBER 2009, LONDON

The **Science Advisory Council** provides Defra with objective, forward-looking strategic scientific advice on major cross-cutting issues. It is the key independent body advising Defra scientists and ministers, ensuring that policy is based on the best scientific evidence available.

The Council will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday 14 October 2009**. This is an excellent opportunity to see the Council in action, and find out more about the scientific challenges Defra is facing today.

The meeting will examine and give updates on:

- The Council's role in continuing to provide the best possible independent strategic science advice to Defra;
- The Risk Centre - the Collaborative Centre of Excellence in Understanding and Managing Natural and Environmental Risk at Cranfield;
- Current animal health issues, including the CSA's response to SAC recommendations for the control of Bluetongue in the UK;
- Defra's Evidence and Investment Strategy.

Venue

Prince Albert Suite
ZSL London Zoo
Regent's Park
London
NW1 4RY

Registration

The meeting is free to attend but pre-registration is essential. Further details are available at:

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