

**RSPCA Pig Standards Technical Advisory Group meeting
on Tuesday 29th January 2019**

Meeting Summary Notes

Proposed New and Amended Standards

The group considered proposed changes to the RSPCA welfare standards for pigs for inclusion within the next revision of the standards, scheduled for reprint in 2019. The proposals related to many areas of the standards including nipple drinkers, split sex rearing, contingency planning, breakdowns at abattoirs and the use of emergency off-site lairages. The proposals would be reviewed in light of these discussions.

Mutilations

Proposed amendments at the meeting included changes to the mutilations permission process. The group discussed the current process and the proposed changes. The outcome of discussions will be used to form proposed amendments to the 2019 version of the standards, where appropriate.

Space Allowance

The group were updated on the progress of the review of space allowance for finishing pigs and the results of the member survey on current space provision. The group discussed issues around space allowance and the implications of potential changes to the standards in this area. The outcome of the discussions will be used to inform proposed amendments to the standards, where appropriate.

Welfare Outcome Assessment Data

The group received an update on the results of the first year of pig data and areas of focus following completion of the second year of data this year. The results of RSPCA analysis were reviewed.

Open Farm Sunday

The group were informed of RSPCA Assured's plans for this year's Open Farm Sunday. Producers interested in being involved were encouraged to get in touch.