

## **Pig Standards Technical Advisory Group Meeting**

**10:00 25th November 2025**

### **Summary Notes**

#### **RSPCA Assured Impact and Insights Team Update**

The new Impact and Insights Team highlighted the Welfare Outcome Assessments (WOAs) on finishing pig units. This data will highlight successes of the standards and key areas for improvement.

#### **Carbon dioxide in stunning**

Awaiting government recommendations on phasing out CO2 stunning. The lack of commercial-scale alternatives and necessary infrastructure was raised as a main concern. Discussion on imported pork and supply chain challenges for alternatives like argon.

#### **Space allowances**

Space allowances are currently being reviewed, including costs, timelines, and requirements for higher weight categories.

#### **Pain relief**

The Group discussed post-farrowing pain relief, including licensed products and market viability.

#### **Indoor free farrowing**

The Group discussed indoor free farrowing standards, and minimum width requirements are a key area of focus.

#### **Further discussion points**

Further discussion points included the current water flow rate requirements, clarification on ventilation systems, bedding depth, and staff training/CPD. The RSPCA's position on agricultural shows was also raised.