RSPCA Pullet Standards Technical Advisory Group meeting on Wednesday 9th May 2018

Meeting Summary Notes

Proposed new and amended standards

The group considered proposed changes to the RSPCA welfare standards for pullets for inclusion within the next revision of the standards, scheduled for December 2018. The proposals related to several areas of the standards including lighting, perches, multi-tier rearing aviaries and wild animal control. These proposals will now be reviewed in light of these discussions.

Welfare Outcome Assessment for pullets

The RSPCA is beginning work on developing welfare outcomes for pullets, with an aim to have a trial protocol in place by the end of 2018. Once developed and finalised, the welfare outcome protocol will be used during assessment and monitoring visits. The RSPCA is keen to work closely with industry on the development of the protocol.