

UK briefs OSCE on the outcomes of COP26 and calls for OSCE action on climate change

Madam Chair, last Friday saw the conclusion of the [26th United Nations Climate Change Conference](#), better known as COP26, where 194 countries were represented.

The Conference finally agreed the Paris Rulebook, the guidelines for how the Paris Agreement is implemented, allowing for a full delivery of the landmark accord. It kept the trajectory of a 1.5 degree Celsius increase in temperatures within reach. And has united the world in calling time on coal. This was the first occasion where there has been a worldwide recognition that we will never get climate change under control as long as our power stations are consuming vast quantities of this single biggest cause of carbon emissions.

In addition, the companies that build a quarter of the world's automobiles have agreed to stop building carbon emission vehicles by 2035 – and cities from Sao Paulo to Seattle have pledged to ban them from their streets. Developed nations agreed to provide enhanced and additional support for activities addressing loss and damage associated with the effects of climate change. Climate finance and development bank investment will be used to trigger significant flows from the private sector to drive big decarbonisation programmes. And a coalition of more than 130 countries has been built to protect up to 90 per cent of our forests, as great natural sequesters of carbon.

Of course, COP26 does not complete the job. Before Paris we were on course for 4 degrees Celsius of global warming. After Paris that number fell to a still catastrophically dangerous 3 degrees. After Glasgow it stands close to 2. Still too high, but closer than we have ever been to the 1.5 degree Celsius safer trajectory.

This year, the OSCE has an opportunity to build on this momentum and agree a new decision that can empower the organisation to act in the face of the greatest threat to security our region faces.

As the UN's Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict said during COP26, tackling the climate emergency can contribute to building peaceful and resilient communities, and thereby contribute to the protection of millions of conflict-affected children. The adverse impact of climate change is not the sole cause of conflict but can significantly aggravate fragilities and exacerbate conflict dynamics.

Whether by increasing the scarcity of resources and sharpening competition for them, accelerating desertification, impacting crops, or forcing the displacement of population, climate change exacerbates the risks of

instability and conflict.

On gender, Parties agreed to strengthen the implementation of the Gender Action Plan; and the Glasgow Climate Pact encourages Parties to increase the full, meaningful and equal participation of women in climate action and to ensure gender-responsive implementation and means of implementation.

We hope we can agree this year on a decision that recognises these important elements and that both gives this organisation the tools it needs to act, and demonstrates the collective will of participating States on this most pressing of issues. Thank you.

[Animal medicine seizure notice: Caledonia Dressage Horses, Sutherland, Scotland](#)

News story

Details of seizure notice served on Caledonia Dressage Horses, Sutherland, Scotland.



This notice is published following the conclusion of an investigation case undertaken by Defra Investigation Services (DIS) and in conjunction with the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Scotland and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS).

The following products were seized by a DIS officer as part of an investigation case and under the execution of a search warrant:

- 1 x part used 100ml Acetylcysteine Flush
- 2 x tubes Ulcershield Paste for Horses
- 1 x 500ml bottle Propercillin Antibiotic Injection
- 1 x box of Accent 4g

- 3 x part used box Austrapen, Ampicillin Powder for Injection
- 2 x 1 part used and 1 unused 100ml bottles Key Injection (Ketoprofen)
- 3 x 100ml bottles Gentam 100, Injectable Gentamicin solution
- 2 x 50ml bottles Ketoprofen Injection
- 2 x 100ml bottles Buscopan Compositum 500mg/ml
- 2 x 100ml bottle Doxycycline (oil base) 500mg/ml
- 1 x 25ml bottle Doxycycline (oil base) 500mg/ml
- 4 x 10ml bottle Receptal
- 4 x 10 ml bottles Deslorelin Acetate Injection
- 3 x 5ml bottles labelled bottled Calmant Injection Sedative/Algesic for Horses
- 1 x Jurox Domperidone paste for horses
- 1 x 1L tub Equine Bute Paste 200mg/ml
- 1 x 500ml tub Enrofloxacin Paste
- 1 x box labelled Meloxicam containing 66 x 1.3g sachets Butalone Granules (1g Phenylbutazone)
- 4 x boxes containing 21 tablets Doxycycline tablets 100mg
- 1 x Domperidone 100ml Oral Paste

These products are intended for use in horses and are not authorised veterinary medicines in the UK.

The medicines were seized under Regulation 26 (Possession of an unauthorised veterinary medicinal product) of the Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2013

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[New core Defra hub announced for Newcastle upon Tyne](#)

News story

Job opportunities in the North East of England will increase and new hub will provide strong corporate leadership for local staff.



- Job opportunities in the North East of England will increase
- New hub will provide strong corporate leadership for local staff
- Newcastle location forms part of Places for Growth programme, which will move 22,000 Civil Service roles out of London by 2030

Defra has today (Friday 19 November) announced a new core hub office in Newcastle upon Tyne, boosting job opportunities and increasing the department's presence in the North East of England.

Defra already has staff based around the UK, with current hub offices in London, York and Bristol. Today's announcement demonstrates the government's commitment to the region, with more than 1,000 roles at the Treasury, Department for International Trade and others moving to Darlington.

This move will enhance and support the close working and co-location between existing Defra staff in Newcastle, and arms-length body colleagues from the Marine Management Organisation, the Rural Payments Agency, Natural England, the Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission.

Newcastle was selected due to its skilled and vibrant pool of professionals in the local community, as well as its excellent transport links to and from the other hubs. The new hub will be based at the department's existing Lancaster House site.

Defra will also be establishing a presence in Edinburgh and Cardiff from January 2022 and plans for Northern Ireland will follow. These measures and the Newcastle hub support the government's wider Places for Growth programme, which aims to move 22,000 roles out of London to build a more diverse and inclusive civil service, reflecting local communities across the UK, strengthening the civil service presence in these areas, and improving recruitment and career progression outside of London.

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October 2021 Transaction Data

News story

This data provides information about the number and types of applications that HM Land Registry completed in October 2021.



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Please note this data shows what HM Land Registry has been able to process during the time period covered and is not necessarily a reflection of market activity.

In October:

- HM Land Registry completed more than 1,771,800 applications to change or query the Land Register
- the South East topped the table of regional applications with 416,242

HM Land Registry completed 1,771,848 applications in October compared with 1,818,473 in September and 1,761,236 last October 2020, of which:

- 341,065 were applications for register updates compared with 327,628 in September
- 952,922 were applications for an official copy of a register compared with 937,950 in September
- 223,284 were search and hold queries (official searches) compared with 286,641 in September
- 16,368 were postal applications from non-account holders compared with 15,810 in September

Applications by region and country

Region/country	August applications	September applications	October applications
South East	383,237	383,237	416,242

Region/country	August applications	September applications	October applications
Greater London	292,204	292,204	318,722
North West	196,939	196,939	204,223
South West	162,228	162,228	174,735
West Midlands	141,022	141,022	147,428
Yorkshire and the Humber	133,245	133,245	141,442
East Midlands	119,935	119,935	128,444
North	83,033	83,033	85,165
East Anglia	70,143	70,143	74,178
Isles of Scilly	47	47	55
Wales	77,548	77,548	81,121
England and Wales (not assigned)	99	99	93
Total	1,659,680	1,659,680	1,771,848

Top 5 local authority areas

October 2021 applications

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Birmingham	25,637
City of Westminster	22,426
Leeds	19,870
Buckinghamshire	18,390
Cornwall	18,150

September 2021 applications

Top 5 Local authority areas September applications

Birmingham	26,151
Leeds	22,110
City of Westminster	21,377
Cornwall	18,919
Buckinghamshire	18,803

Top 5 customers

October 2021 applications

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Infotrack Limited	114,963
Enact	41,978
O'Neill Patient	33,468
Optima Legal Services	33,095

Top 5 customers	October applications
TM Group (UK) ltd	20,939

September 2021 applications

Top 5 customers	September applications
Infotrack Limited	117,399
Enact	43,548
O'Neill Patient	31,542
Optima Legal Services	29,582
My Home Move Limited	21,997

Access the data

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Next publication

Transaction Data is published on the 15th working day of each month. The November data will be published at 11am on Monday 20 December 2021.

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[CMA to open offices in Manchester and Darlington](#)

- More than 200 staff to be located at new Digital Hub in Manchester by 2025
- Microeconomics Unit of 25 staff to be established at the government's new Economic Campus in Darlington
- CMA's State of Competition project to be expanded to analyse the impact of competition on people on lower incomes

Manchester will be the home of the new Digital Markets Unit (DMU), which has been established to oversee a new regulatory regime for the most powerful digital firms. The DMU's remit is to promote greater competition and innovation and protect consumers and businesses from unfair practices.

Manchester has been chosen because it offers a diverse and highly-skilled labour market as one of the top locations for digital as well as legal, IT and finance roles. The opportunity for the DMU to build links with local universities also made it an attractive destination.

The DMU will form a Digital Hub alongside the Digital Regulation Co-operation Forum (DRCF).

The CMA Board has also approved a proposal to set up a new CMA Microeconomics Unit (MU) to be co-located with the government's new Economic Campus in Darlington. The MU will take on the CMA's existing economic research and evaluation function, produce the annual State of Competition report and carry out research into supply-side reforms to improve productivity.

The CMA's State of Competition project is also being expanded to consider the impact of competition on consumers at different income levels.

The CMA already has nearly 60 staff working in offices in Edinburgh, Belfast and Cardiff, with an ambition to expand in those locations.

The roles in Manchester and Darlington will be a mix of new and existing positions.

CMA Chief Executive Andrea Coscelli said:

Last year I pledged that the CMA would get closer to the needs of people right across the UK. Since then, we have taken action on issues from refunds on package holidays to tackling excessive pricing on key drugs. Now we are going a step further and bringing our own offices and staff closer to more of the people we serve.

Manchester and Darlington will be ideal locations for our teams whether we're ensuring fairness in the tech sector or doing vital research to inform future work.

There are bright and talented people everywhere and we want to do our part to give them the opportunities they deserve.

The CMA will now seek suitable accommodation for approximately 50 CMA staff to be based in Manchester initially.

The ambition is for the CMA office in Manchester to comprise more than 200 colleagues by 2025.

Not all CMA digital roles will have to be based in Manchester and there will be opportunities for other professions to be based there too.

While discussions on the Darlington project are at a very early stage the CMA envisages the MU to be around 25 economists.

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2. More information on the DMU is available on the [Digital Markets Unit collection page](#).