**National Stakeholder Group: Terms of Reference**

**Purpose**   
The purpose of the group is to inform:

• Development of strategic issues that influence the realisation of the Scottish Government’s long-term vision for forestry, Scottish Government outcomes and the delivery of climate change and biodiversity forestry targets.

• Implementation, monitoring, and statutory reporting of Scotland’s Forestry Strategy.

**Membership**   
The group will consist of external stakeholders, topic experts, delivery partners and Scottish Government officials, as listed in Annex A.

Additional organisations or experts may be invited to join the group or to participate in specific meetings depending on the issues to be discussed.  
  
**Governance**   
The group is advisory, and is not a decision-making body. It will act as an umbrella forum for other stakeholder groups that Scottish Forestry convenes.

**Meetings**   
It is proposed the first meeting of the group will be held during the summer 2021, hosted by the Minister and chaired by the Scottish Government Director of Environment and Forestry. The expectation is that the group will meet two to three times a year.

**Members role**   
Members will be required to review and comment on meeting papers and contribute to group deliberations at meetings and via correspondence.

**Remuneration**   
Members will not be paid but reasonable travel and subsistence costs will be reimbursed.

**Duration of the group**The group’s terms of reference and membership will be revisited following the laying before Parliament of the 3-yearly Forestry Strategy Progress Report.

**Annex A: Group members**

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| Association of Deer Management Groups |
| Chief Forester for Scotland |
| Committee on Climate Change |
| Community Woodlands Association |
| Confederation of Forest Industries |
| COSLA / Heads of Planning |
| Forest Research |
| Forestry and Land Scotland |
| Forestry and Timber Technologies Industry Leadership Group |
| Green Action Trust |
| Highlands & Islands Enterprise |
| Historic Environment Scotland |
| Institute of Chartered Foresters |
| James Hutton Institute |
| National Access Forum |
| National Farmers Union Scotland |
| NatureScot |
| Scottish Enterprise |
| Scottish Environment Link |
| Scottish Environmental Protection Agency |
| Scottish Government, Environment and Forestry |
| Scottish Government, Future Rural Policy Frameworks, Land Use and Land Reform |
| Scottish Government, Future Environment |
| Scottish Government, Natural Resources |
| Scottish Land and Estates |
| Scottish Land Commission |
| South of Scotland Enterprise |
| University of the Highlands and Islands |
| Young Scot |