

Scottish Government's Woodland Creation Route Map **Detailed**

A strategic summary setting out the direction, policies, and actions for delivering woodland creation in Scotland from now to 2030.



Targets / Strategies

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
	*Programme for Government / Annual Budget Cycle	*Programme for Government / Annual Budget Cycle	*Programme for Government / Annual Budget Cycle	*Programme for Government / Annual Budget Cycle	*Programme for Government / Annual Budget Cycle	*Programme for Government / Annual Budget Cycle	*Programme for Government / Annual Budget Cycle
	Climate Change Plan published						Woodland cover increased to 21% of total area of Scotland
	Review of Climate Change Plan including woodland creation targets (ministerial engagement)						
		Scotland's Climate Change Adaption Programme					
	Annual target of 18k including 4,000 ha of native woodland	Increase woodland carbon market by at least 50%					
		Scottish Forestry's Corporate Plan and Strategy 2025 – 2030 published					
	June 2024 – publication of 2023 woodland creation delivery	June 2025 – publication of 2024 woodland creation delivery			Review of Scotland's Forestry Strategy		
		New Science and Innovation Strategy					

Legislation

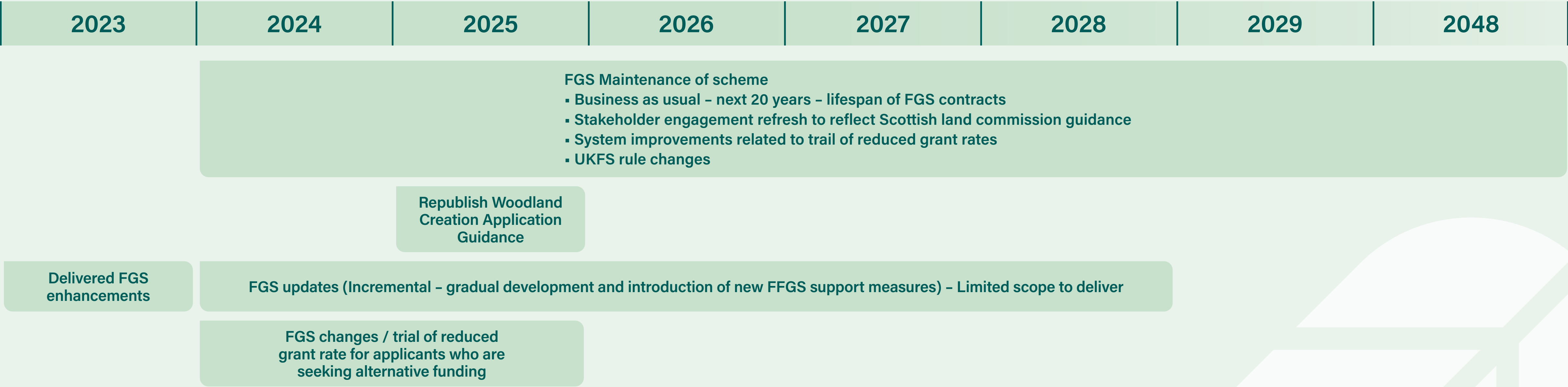
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	
	Agriculture & Rural Communities Bill (see Future Forestry Grant Scheme)								Sunset – retained EU law
		Rural Delivery Plan							
		Secondary legislation (for Future Forestry Grant Scheme)							

Scotland's Forestry Strategy

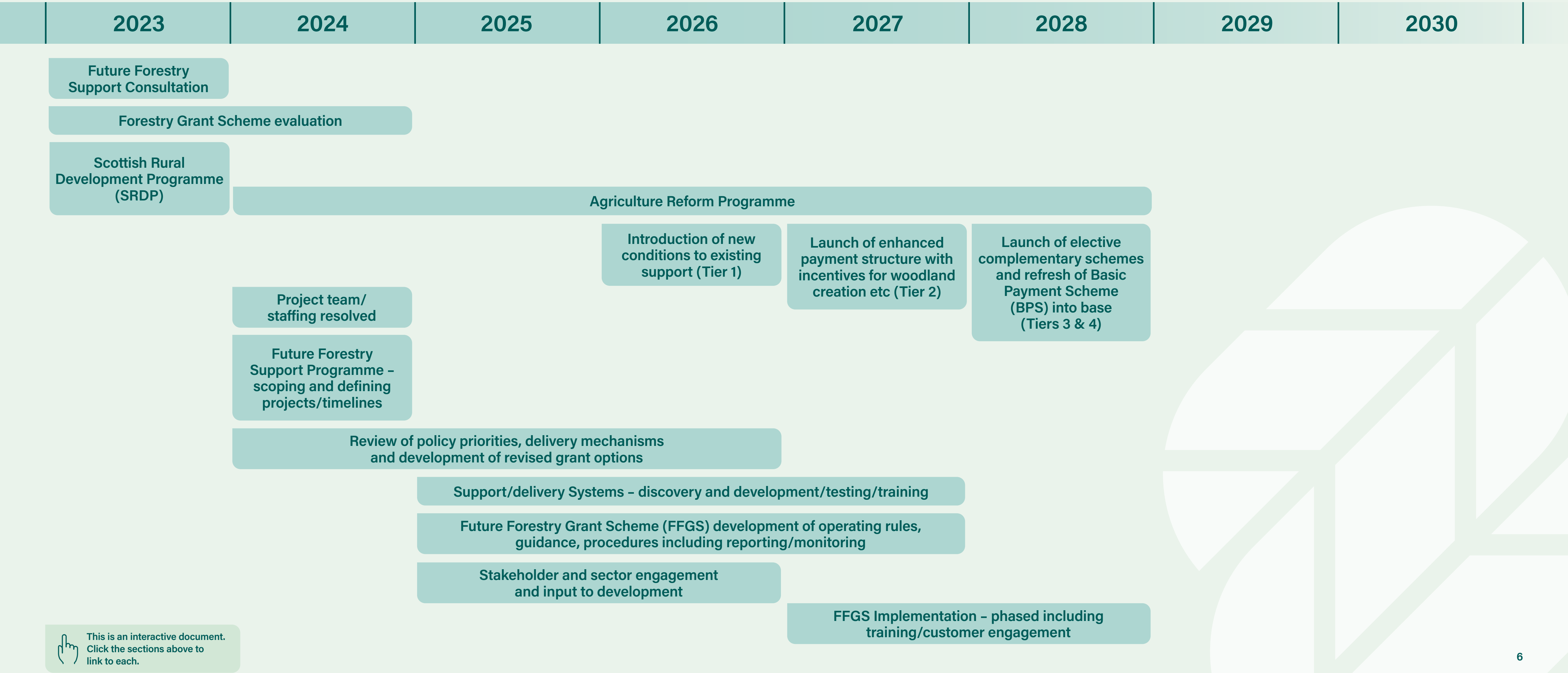
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Forestry Grant Scheme (FGS) – Current



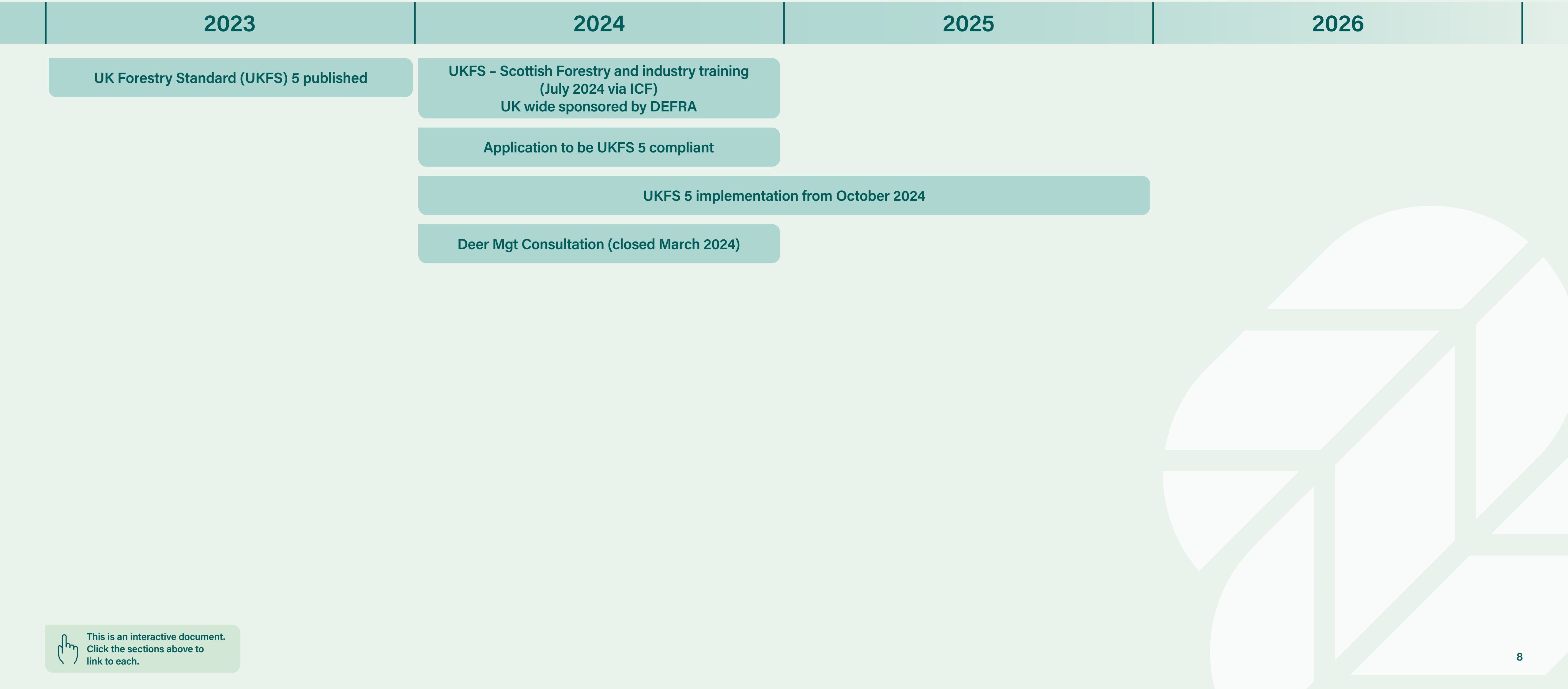
Future Forestry Support & Agricultural Reform Programme



Natural Capital

2023	2024	2025	2026
	Woodland Carbon Code (WCC)	Development of protocols for biodiversity and water impacts, and potential credits	
	Publication of the Scottish Government Natural Capital Markets Framework	Improved workflow and registry processes to increase market efficiency Retender for new UK Land Carbon Registry services during 2025	
	Potential inclusion of the WCC into the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) Consultation	Decision on whether to admit credits from the Woodland Carbon Code into the UK ETS	
	Future funding of the WCC team. Increase registry fees (increase income)		
	Consultation on the WCC Additionality Test	Updates to the WCC to enhance rigour and efficiency	
	HMRC decision on the application of Tax (VAT, income tax, inheritance tax, capital gains etc.) to WCC credits/projects/land	HMRC VAT change take effect	

UKFS/ Forestry Regulations



Land Use, Environment & Biodiversity

2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Scottish Biodiversity Strategy and Delivery Plan published	Land Reform Bill	Land Use Strategy				Nature positive & protected areas expanded to at least 30% (land & sea)
EIA enabling powers	Natural Environment Bill					
Statutory biodiversity targets						
Flood Resilience Strategy						

Process & Technology Enhancements

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- Woodland creation improvement projects
- Woodland creation process improvements programme
- Public Register enhancements
- Environmental Impact Assessment enhancements
- Long Term Forest Plans process improvements

Agriculture & Rural Economy (assumption ownership of Rural Payments & Services)

Lessons learned on 2023 claim year

Learning & Skills Development

