



Scottish
Forestry
Coilltearachd
na h-Alba

Highlands and Islands Conservancy Stakeholder Groups

Terms of Reference

Scottish Forestry is the Scottish Government agency responsible
for forestry policy, support and regulation

Is e Coilltearachd na h-Alba a' bhuidheann-ghnìomha aig Riaghaltas
na h-Alba a tha an urra ri poileasaidh, taic agus riaghladh do choilltearachd

 Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba

Purpose

The purpose of the group is to advise Scottish Forestry on:

- Regional issues that influence the realisation of the Scottish Government's long-term vision for forestry, SG outcomes and delivery of climate change and biodiversity forestry targets.
- The regional implementation, monitoring and reporting of Scotland's Forestry Strategy (SFS).

Membership

The group will be chaired by the local Conservator, with membership consisting of external stakeholders, topic experts, delivery partners and Scottish Government officials. Additional organisations or experts may be invited to join the group or to participate in specific meetings depending on the issues to be discussed.

The group should be around 12 members plus the chair, Scottish Forestry staff and speakers.

Members would be selected to reflect Scottish Forestry values, be diverse (including geographically), and balance the three SFS objectives of economy, environment and people. There would therefore need to be a transparent process for inviting and selecting the membership. For initial establishment some members could be drawn from the previous regional stakeholder groups.

Members role

Members will be required to review and comment on meeting papers, provide updates and feedback and contribute to group deliberations at meetings and via correspondence.

Governance and meetings

The group provides advice to the Scottish Forestry Conservators, and is not a decision making body.

The groups would be chaired by a Conservator and meetings organised by Conservancy staff, and taking place at least twice a year, including where possible a site visit.

To ensure good communication of regional issues and distinctiveness Scottish Forestry Senior Executive Team members would be invited to attend some of the meetings.

Details of membership, dates of meetings and brief summaries of the topics discussed will be published on the Scottish Forestry website in a timely fashion.

Links through members would need to be established to key groups such as the SF national stakeholder group, Customers Representatives Group, Regional land use partnerships etc.

Remuneration

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

Governance and meetings

The group's terms of reference and membership will be revisited following each 3-yearly Forestry Strategy Progress Report.

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