

Confor Industry Update

Thainstone House Hotel

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Lobbying & Representation

- **Future funding post 2020**
- **F & L M (Scotland) Act – felling regulations**
- **Plant passporting**
- **Stability& Simplicity**
- **STTS – another £7m**
- **Sporting rates – some progress with SAA**
- **Cultivation guidance – being refined by CRG**
- **Review of progress post Mackinnon**

Future funding post 2020

- Treasury guarantee for contracts by end 2020
- Guarantee for contracts to end of UK Parliament (expected 2022) are qualified by being for “farm support”
- Defra (Michael Gove) has said this includes all Pillar 2, i.e. all SRDP – but still under caveat of “farm support”
- Have written to Chancellor Hammond to clarify

F & L M (Scotland) Act – felling regulations

- Exemptions regulations before REC on 13 March
- Problem areas:
 - Nuisance trees
 - Windthrow
- Guidance needed plus good Tolerance tables
- **And FAST-TRACK process**

Plant passporting

- Still assuming we have to introduce this in December 2019
- Developing an e-learning module
- Knowledge test
- pass rate of 80% has been set to become an Authorised Registered Professional Operator (RPO)
- RPO enters name, prints & keeps a record of their pass rate, to support the Authorisation process.

Stability& Simplicity

- Review of how Annual Recurrent Payments can be made
- Long-term ask:
 - Get rid of RPID – paying agency status?
 - Get rid of LPIDs
 - Ban RPID from re-mapping without owner's prior agreement

Forestry Grant Scheme 2018/19



- New Woodland Creation (@ 17 December)
 - 3,015 hectares planted & paid
 - 7,528 hectares approved
 - *[plus 900 hectares anticipated on the NFE]*
 - Total **11,443 ha**
- <http://scotland.forestry.gov.uk/supporting/grants-and-regulations/forestry-grants/forestry-grant-scheme-statistics>

Forestry Grant Scheme Pipeline 2019/20



- New Woodland Creation (@ 17 Dec 2018)
 - 5.184 hectares approved
 - 4,230 ha submitted but not approved yet
 - 8,923 ha @ pre-submit (estimate)
 - *[plus 650 hectares anticipated on the NFE]*
 - Total **18,987 ha !**

Forestry Grant Scheme Pipeline 2020/21



- New Woodland Creation (end August 2018)
 - 410 hectares approved
 - 1,708 ha submitted but not approved yet
 - 6112 ha @ pre-submit (estimate)
 - *[plus 650 hectares anticipated on the NFE]*
 - Total **8,880 ha**

Resources

- Potential seed shortages
- Plant requirements for Scotland & rest of UK
- Contracting resource?

Diary dates

- 13 March SFTT Lockerbie
- 20 March SFTT Stirling
- 27 March FISA H&S summit, Ingliston
- 29 March ??????
- 21 June RHS forestry day
- 22/23 August Forestry Expo, Little Clyde
- **26 September Next North-east SFTT meeting**

Thank you for listening

<http://www.forestryscotland.com/regional-groups/north-east-scotland/north-east-events>

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