

Forestry Commission Scotland

Guidance for Business Outcome Plans

Improving the Economic Value of Forests

Rural Development Contracts – Rural Priorities

What is this about?

This guidance is for case officers, applicants, landowners and managers and their agents. It provides advice on the preparation of Business Outcome Plans for Improving the Economic Value of Forests under Rural Development Contracts -Rural Priorities.

Eligibility Criteria

In applying for support for Improving the Economic Value of Forests under RDC-RP you must have an approved Forest Plan.

As part of your RDC-RP application, you will be required to prepare a Business Outcome Plan. This should include an assessment of timber quality potential and how the operations will improve the economic value unless you have included this detail as part of your Forest Plan.

Where support is being sought for the costs of preparing and implementing a plan required by a Certification Body to close out Corrective Actions information on the requirements of Certification Body and an estimate of the costs will be required.

Outline of the Business Outcome Plan

1. Further Information

1.1 Describe your existing site, property or land use and reasons for choosing the proposed location for activities you intend to carry out.

This should provide a description of the woodland, providing information on the species composition, stocking, yield class, the crop condition and any factors influencing timber quality, including management systems.

You should include an assessment of timber quality.

1.2 Describe the size and scale of your enterprise or organisation and how this will change as a result of this Proposal. Clearly quantify your project output targets (for at least 5 years from the commencement of your project)

You should quantify the area and if relevant the volume in cubic metres or tonnes of the project. Describing the objectives, prescriptions and expected impact and benefits of the operation(s) and estimate the likely impact on the product output by any operation eg increase of quality sawlog material.

An estimate of the net costs should be provided. Formats for providing this information is given in Appendix 1.

Appendix 1

| Wood / Compartment | Area (Ha) | Species | Prescription / operation | Estimated expenditure per hectare | Estimated income per hectare | Estimated net cost per hectare |
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Timber Harvesting Budget

| | Product Small roundwood | Product Pallet wood | Product Small logs | Totals | Cost/ha |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| % product mix | | | | | |
| Product volume | | | | | |
| Timber Income | | | | | |
| Product value £/m | | | | | |
| Total income | | | | | |
| Harvesting Costs | | | | | |
| Felling | | | | | |
| Extraction | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | |
| Total by product | | | | | |
| Net cost | | | | | |