



Information Note 21

BWW Finance Update

1 July 2011

11/12 Claim Year Closure

Further to our email notification of 17th May 2011, we have now taken the decision to close the 2011/12 claim year for BWW grants.

This means that from 8th July 2011 FCW will no longer approve BWW cases that include operations with grant for year 11/12 except in the following circumstances:

- Management Planner fees
- Cases that were at PRL1 or beyond before 8th July 2011
- Cases that were first submitted to PRL1 before 4th July 2011 but have been returned to the Management Planner by FCW for changes to be made.

Cases submitted between 4th July and 8th July with 11/12 claim year will only be approved if they meet the right first time criteria as set out in Information Note 18.

Questions & Answers relating to BWW grant commitments for 2011/12

1. Does this affect Glastir Woodland Creation grants?

No, Glastir Woodland Creation is funded from a different budget and at present this is unaffected.

2. I have BWW operations approved for 11/12 claim year, are these affected?

No, contracts with operations approved with a claim year of 11/12 can be claimed when the work has been carried out.

3. Can you confirm what the period 2011/12 covers?

1st April 2011 – 31st March 2012



4. Will the work to remove Glastir Creation grants from BWW contracts release funds?

Yes, and this has been considered when forecasting the BWW spend for 2011/12.

5. Can I carry out operations in 11/12 and claim in a later year?

Yes, you can schedule work for a later year and complete the work early.

6. I have several un-submitted plans with 2011/12 claim years. Is there an easy way to change these to future years?

No

7. What claim years can I use?

You can use claim years 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16. You should avoid moving all grant straight to 2012/13 because that will simply use up all of the available funds for that year. We would encourage you to plan carefully when the work will actually be carried out over the plan period. Over the next few weeks we will be carrying out detailed forecasting of the remaining BWW claim years and provide guidance to planners on commitment levels that we can accept for these.

8. How will funding be allocated for future claim years?

Funding will continue to be allocated on a first come - first served basis when the case is approved in line with the '**right first time**' criteria detailed in Information Note 18.