



Forestry Commission Scotland  
Coimisean na Coilltearachd Alba

# Woods In and Around Towns (WIAT):

## Action Plan (2011- 2014)

## WIAT programme key actions: 2011 - 2014

The following key actions will support the delivery of the third phase of the WIAT programme (a copy of the programme document can be viewed at:

[www.forestry.gov.uk/wiat](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/wiat)). Progress on these actions will be reported annually.

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Lead organisation(s)</b>	<b>Timing</b>
<b>Advocacy</b> i) Work with partners to implement a communications strategy to promote the benefits of WIAT <b>(P)</b>	Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS)/Local Authorities	2011/12
<b>Support good practice</b> i) Deliver a series of good practice events e.g. public engagement, WIAT management plans, monitoring and evaluation etc. <b>(P)</b>  ii) Produce guidance on funding and implementing woodland planting on vacant and derelict land	FCS/Forest Research (FR)  FCS	2011/12 - 2012/13  2012/13
<b>Strengthen the evidence base</b> i) Work with partners to continue building the evidence for the economic benefits of woodland and greenspace <b>(P)</b>  ii) Undertake long-term research into the health benefits of woods	FCS/Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN)/Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)  Openspace/Glasgow University/FCS	2011/12  2011/12 - 2013/14
<b>Demonstrate delivery</b> i) Develop case studies on planting woodland in advance of built development  ii) Publish a case study on the delivery of WIAT at a local authority-wide scale e.g. Falkirk Council  iii) Work with partners to deliver the national network of key WIAT sites <b>(P)</b>  iv) Establish the Commonwealth Community Forest / Arboretum <b>(P)</b>	FCS/Local Authorities  FCS/Falkirk Council/CSFT  FCS/Local Authorities  FCS	2012/13  2012/13  2011/12 - 2013/14  2011/12 - 2013/14

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v) Deliver a demonstration site showcasing the role of woodland in greening vacant and derelict land <b>(P)</b>	FCS	2011/12 - 2013/14
vi) Pilot the adoption of the Woodland Carbon Code by urban local authorities	FCS/Local Authorities	2012/13
vii) Promote the continued development of the wood energy market in urban Scotland	FCS	2011/12 - 2013/14
viii) Work with partners to promote opportunities for training and employment in urban woods	FCS/CSGN	2011/12
<b>Promote quality standards</b> i) Promote the use of urban woodland / greenspace standards for WIAT woods	FCS/Greenspace Scotland/Local Authorities	2011/12
<b>Partnership working</b> i) Collaborate with partners to support and deliver regional green network partnerships' objectives e.g. CSGN, GCVGNP, Lothians & Fife GNP etc. <b>(P)</b>  ii) Review progress and agree future work plans with the main urban local authorities (Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Dundee etc.)	FCS/ /SNH/Scottish Government  FCS/Local Authorities	2011/12 - 2013/14  2011/12
<b>Forestry grant funding</b> i) Review and develop WIAT grant funding models under SRDPII (e.g. woodland, creation, management and supporting people to use woodland) <b>(P)</b>	FCS	2011/12 - 2012/13

**Notes:**

Actions marked with a **(P)** are priorities for the programme