

Agenda Item 6

26<sup>th</sup> March 2010

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## WOODLAND STRATEGY ADVISORY PANEL REPORT OF MEETING ON 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010

### Purpose

1. To present an update to the National Committee on recent WSAP business.

### Report

2. The meeting opened with a brief discussion of the Read Report (*Combating Climate Change: A role for UK Forests*) following the previous day's launch of the report in Wales. FCW will hold a seminar on May 18th with five specialists from Forest Research (FR) explaining different aspects of the report. The Panel expressed a wish to raise issues/pose questions about the report for the FR scientists to address at the seminar. Members were invited to submit specific comments/ questions by 19th April. These will be consolidated into a single document, which will be circulated to members and sent to the FR panel with a request that they address the key issues raised.
3. Members were thanked for their inputs to the Action Plan following discussion at the October meeting. The resulting web-based plan is well structured and straightforward to follow.
4. The main part of the meeting was devoted to a consideration of the Strategy Indicators drafted by the policy team. Emma Small and Keith Jones explained the thinking behind the indicators and explained how they had been developed. Alan Brewer outlined the main features of the ongoing National Forest Inventory with particular reference Wales. Several important indicators will be derived from the results of the inventory.
5. Three working groups examined the indicators in detail and their feedback will be considered in further development of the indicators. Some of the indicators will be published at the end of March while others require further work before they can be published.
6. The June field visit meeting will focus on different systems of management aimed at species diversity in production forests. Visits will be led by Philippe Morgan and Oliver Combe.

## **Recommendations**

7. The committee is asked to note the report.

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