

Restoration of open habitats from woods and forests in England: developing policy.

Workshop agenda item 9: Ranking the outcomes, developing criteria.

Below are the instructions that were provided to each group for this task.

Task.

Congratulations, you are the group facilitator.

Please read these instructions then explain them to the group, then join in!

This is a task to rank the outcomes in order of their importance for deciding which policy options might work best.

1. Remind yourselves of:

- The key question.
- The reason for attempting to answer this question
- The nature of change.

2. Arrange the outcomes in order of weight for deciding which policy options might work best, greatest weight at the top.

If you reach consensus stick them down on your poster, if you reach impasse stick them down but show the differences.

3. Consider each outcome in order of weighting in conjunction with the evidence: what would be the criterion arising from that outcome by which we'd judge the policy option?

4. As you make progress look and illustrate synergies, conflicts, groups, patterns.

If these suggest new or different criteria write them down.

You might want to pay particular attention to the following: *Each group was allocated a different question suggested by the draft evidence paper.*

5. If appropriate, change the outcome statement to better suit your collective opinion.

At each stage try to come to a consensus but if this is not possible indicate the differences.