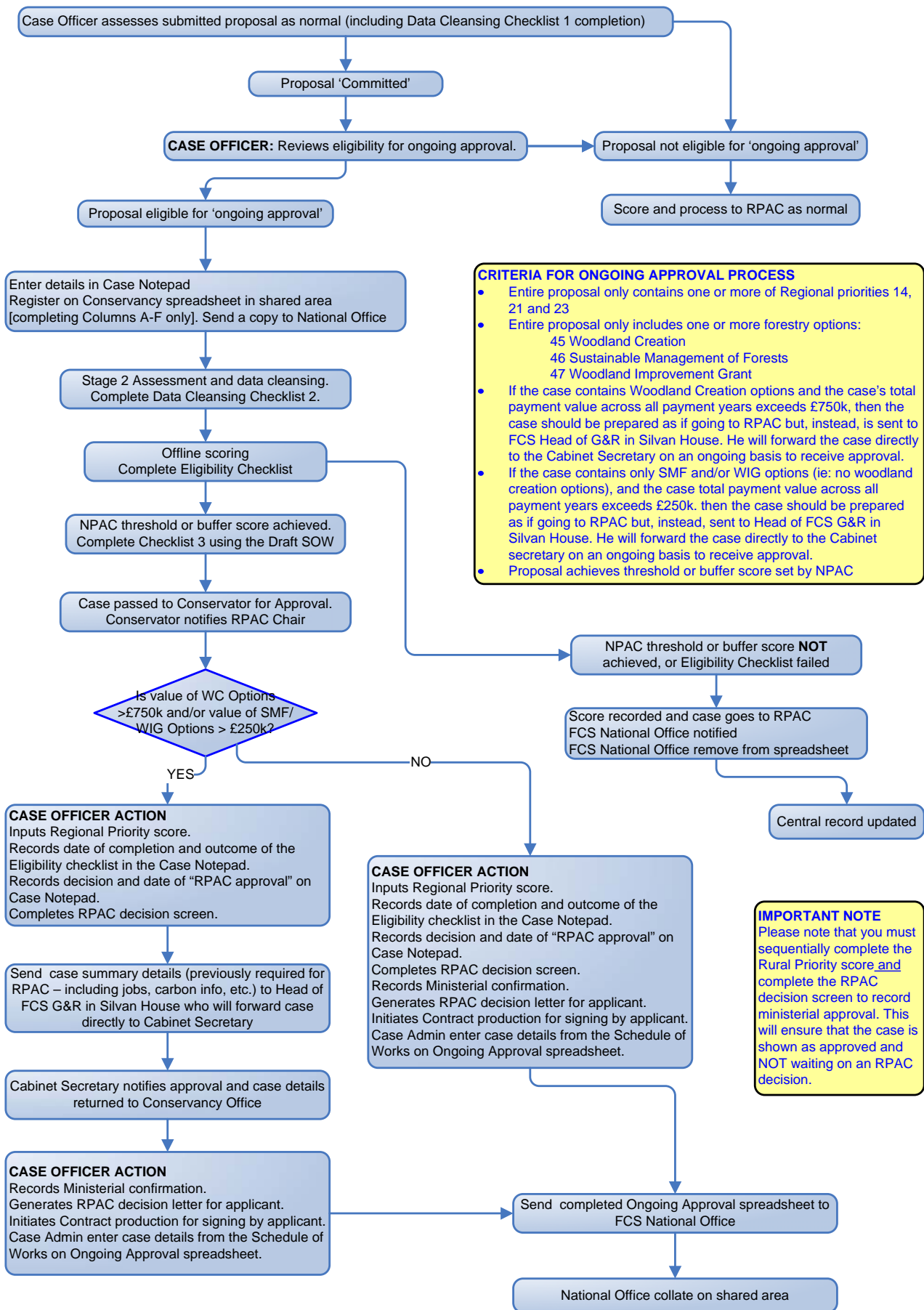


The Process for Ongoing Approval for all Forestry Proposals – Flowchart from 23 March 2011



CRITERIA FOR ONGOING APPROVAL PROCESS

- Entire proposal only contains one or more of Regional priorities 14, 21 and 23
- Entire proposal only includes one or more forestry options:
45 Woodland Creation
46 Sustainable Management of Forests
47 Woodland Improvement Grant
- If the case contains Woodland Creation options and the case's total payment value across all payment years exceeds £750k, then the case should be prepared as if going to RPAC but, instead, is sent to FCS Head of G&R in Silvan House. He will forward the case directly to the Cabinet Secretary on an ongoing basis to receive approval.
- If the case contains only SMF and/or WIG options (ie: no woodland creation options), and the case total payment value across all payment years exceeds £250k, then the case should be prepared as if going to RPAC but, instead, sent to Head of FCS G&R in Silvan House. He will forward the case directly to the Cabinet secretary on an ongoing basis to receive approval.
- Proposal achieves threshold or buffer score set by NPAC

IMPORTANT NOTE
Please note that you must sequentially complete the Rural Priority score and complete the RPAC decision screen to record ministerial approval. This will ensure that the case is shown as approved and NOT waiting on an RPAC decision.