

## **FORESTRY COMMISSION ARBORETA ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **PURPOSE**

1. To invite the National Committee to approve the appointment of a replacement member of the Arboreta Advisory Committee.

### **BACKGROUND**

2. The England National Committee appointed the first Arboreta Advisory Committee in 2005. This replaced the two Advisory Committees, one for the National Pinetum at Bedgebury and the other for the National Arboretum at Westonbirt. Appointment to this non-statutory Advisory Committee is by sealed Minute.

3. Due to the specialist nature of the appointments they have not been limited to the time that applies under the code of practice for Public Appointments.

4. The terms of Reference for the Arboreta Advisory Committee are attached at Annex A.

### **REPLACEMENT MEMBER**

5. One member of the Committee, Mr Leigh Morris, Associate Director of Horticulture (Learning) at Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh was unable to fulfil his appointment or attend any meetings and has therefore submitted his resignation. To replace him the committee wishes to invite Mr David Knott, Curator, Living Collection at Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh to serve on the Advisory Committee. Mr Knott has indicated a willingness to serve.

6. It is therefore proposed that David Knott is appointed for the period up to October 2015 to align with the first point when four of the Committee membership are due to be considered for re-appointment or replacement.

### **Recommendations**

7. The National Committee is asked to agree to the appointment of David Knott to the Arboreta Advisory Committee until October 2015.