

Forestry Commission Scotland is looking to recruit a Chair of the Grampian Regional Forestry Forum and two new Forum members.

The Forum, one of five across the country, advises on the development and implementation of the Scottish Forestry Strategy, liaising both with the Commission's Conservancy staff, who oversee the promotion and regulation of forestry in general, and advising National Forest Estate staff on Strategic planning in North-East Scotland.

The Forum covers the local authority areas of Moray, Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City and is a great focal point for anyone with an interest in trees and woodlands to participate in policy development.

The Forum consists of 12–15 members who represent the economic, environmental and social aspects of forestry and land management interests. It meets two to three times per year and participation in additional working groups and attendance at the Scottish Forestry Forum may be necessary.

The roles of the Regional Forestry Forums are:

- to advise Conservators on regional implementation of the Scottish Forestry Strategy and provide a regional perspective on the Strategy's future development;
- to develop close relationships with regional industry groups;
- to promote the principle of local forestry frameworks, indicative forestry strategies, and other woodland strategies; their development and implementation;
- to advise FCS on the suitability of frameworks and strategies which are in preparation;
- to advise FES Forest District Managers managing the National Forest Estate on their Forest District Strategic Plans;
- provide linkages with Community Planning Partnerships.

Forestry Commission Scotland is seeking applications from anyone with a strong interest in forestry and a particular knowledge and experience base in forest management, integration of forestry with agriculture, environment, rural development, commercial forestry or timber processing.

Grampian Regional Forestry Forum Chair

Forestry Commission Scotland is looking for a Chair for the Grampian Regional Forestry Forum. Appointment is for a 3 year period, with the option to re-appoint. The chair role is expected to take around 8-10 days per year and as such will receive payment of £2331; the position is also eligible for applicable expenses.

You'll be an effective leader of Forum meetings, a strategic thinker, and enjoy working with others. You'll preferably have previous experience of chairing forums or groups and have particular knowledge and experience in at least one of the following: forest management, integration of forestry with agriculture, environment, rural development, commercial forestry or timber processing.

For an application pack to become Forum Chair please email: grampian.cons@forestry.gsi.gov.uk or write to:

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Grampian Regional Forestry Forum Membership

Forestry Commission Scotland is seeking to recruit two new members for the Grampian Regional Forestry Forum to advise on the development and implementation of the Scottish Forestry Strategy in Grampian. Each appointment is for a three year term, with the possibility of re-appointment for a further three years.

You'll preferably have particular knowledge and experience in at least one of the following: forest management, integration of forestry with agriculture, environment, rural development, commercial forestry or timber processing. Membership on the Forum is not a salaried position however reasonable travel and subsistence will be paid to those attending meetings.

For an application pack to join the Forestry Forum please email: grampian.cons@forestry.gsi.gov.uk or write to:

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Applications for both positions should be submitted to the above address no later than **14th November 2016**. All correspondence will be treated in strictest confidence.

The Forestry Commission is committed to providing equal opportunities for all sectors of the community, irrespective of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, religion, sexuality and transgender.