

## **FWAC COMMITTEE\* MEMBER APPOINTMENT**

### **Purpose**

1. To invite the National Committee to approve the appointment of a new member to fill a vacancy in the West Midlands Forestry and Woodlands Advisory Committees (FWAC).

### **Background**

2. Chairs and members are appointed by the Forestry Commissioners under Section 37 of the Forestry Act 1967. The appointment process had been delegated to the National Committee.
3. A vacancy has arisen in the West Midlands as a result of Nick Grayson having to step down due to work commitments.

### **New Member**

4. The East Midlands FWAC seconded Dr William (Will) Bullough to the committee in 2015 for his 27 years' experience in the growing, marketing and sawmilling of home grown broadleaf timber which have added to the proceedings of the Committee. This vacancy has provided an opportunity to now make him a full member of the Committee.
5. Alongside his sawmilling experience Will is a cabinet maker in his own right. He also has 15 years of farming; land and woodland management experience; he runs training courses on the utilisation of hardwoods and has biodiversity knowledge. He is also a trustee of the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust.
6. Area Director Keith Jones, FWAC Chair, John Moverley and Richard Britton, Head of Forest Services Delivery are satisfied that Will's appointment will benefit the Committee.

### **Recommended appointment**

7. The initial appointment will be for the remaining period of Nick Grayson's initial term of office which would have ended in November 2016. However, it is likely that he would be re-appointed for a full term at the end of this period.

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