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Glastir Woodland Creation Scoring and Selection Process

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To be considered for funding under Glastir Woodland Creation an Expression of Interest must be submitted to Welsh Government via RPW Online. All eligible Expressions of Interest received by the Welsh Government will be considered for selection.

The selection process will analyse the potential for each Expression of Interest to contribute to key objectives of Glastir Woodland Creation. This is undertaken by measuring the intersection of the area of land included in the Expression of Interest with a number of digital maps known as Geographical Information System (GIS) layers covering the whole of Wales. These GIS layers inform where specific objectives of Glastir Woodland Creation can be delivered.

Each GIS layer is given a score per hectare which is determined by Welsh Government policy priorities. The score is designed to evolve to reflect changing priorities and may change in future years.

Please see table at **Annex 1** for details of the Glastir Woodland Creation Objective Layers and Weighting.

The Expression of Interest is assessed against each GIS layer and a score is allocated based on the area that intersects with the layer, which is calculated using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Area of Objective Layer* x Weighting of layer}}{\text{Area of Expression of Interest}} = \text{Score}$$

**within area of Expression of Interest*

This calculation is completed for each objective GIS layer the Expression of Interest intersects. The scores achieved for each layer are then added together to give a total score for the Expression of Interest. An Expression of Interest which intersects with more objective layers, particularly high priority layers, will collect a higher score. All Expressions of Interest are ranked according to the total score achieved and the highest scorers will then be selected and processed, according to budgetary availability.

Annex 1 – Glastir Woodland Creation Objective Layers and Weighting

Priority	Objective Layer	Layer	Weighting
Carbon	Nitrogen Vulnerable Zones	Nitrogen Vulnerable Zones	5
Carbon	Communities First Clusters	Communities First Clusters	5
Carbon	UEA- Priority Woodland Creation Area	UEA- Priority Woodland Creation Area (1)	1
Carbon	UEA- Priority Woodland Creation Area	UEA- Priority Woodland Creation Area (2)	2
Carbon	UEA- Priority Woodland Creation Area	UEA- Priority Woodland Creation Area (3)	3
Carbon	UEA- Priority Woodland Creation Area	UEA- Priority Woodland Creation Area (4)	4
Carbon	UEA- Priority Woodland Creation Area	UEA- Priority Woodland Creation Area (5)	5
Carbon	Air Quality	Air Quality (Total PM10) (1)	1
Carbon	Air Quality	Air Quality (Total PM10) (2)	2
Carbon	Air Quality	Air Quality (Total PM10) (3)	3
Carbon	Air Quality	Air Quality (Total PM10) (4)	4
Carbon	Air Quality	Air Quality (Total PM10) (5)	5
Biodiversity	Habitat Suitability	Habitat Suitability (using habitat surveys) (1)	1
Biodiversity	Habitat Suitability	Habitat Suitability (using habitat surveys) (2)	2
Biodiversity	Habitat Suitability	Habitat Suitability (using habitat surveys) (3)	3
Biodiversity	Habitat Suitability	Habitat Suitability (using habitat surveys) (4)	4
Biodiversity	Habitat Suitability	Habitat Suitability (using habitat surveys) (5)	5
Carbon	Noise Pollution	Noise Pollution (dB- Road, Rail & Industry) (1)	1
Carbon	Noise Pollution	Noise Pollution (dB- Road, Rail & Industry) (3)	3
Carbon	Noise Pollution	Noise Pollution (dB- Road, Rail & Industry) (5)	5
Water	Floodplain Woodland	Floodplain Woodland (10)	10
Biodiversity	Woodland Habitat Networks	Woodland Habitat Networks (1)	1
Biodiversity	Woodland Habitat Networks	Woodland Habitat Networks (3)	3
Biodiversity	Woodland Habitat Networks	Woodland Habitat Networks (4)	4
Biodiversity	Woodland Habitat Networks	Woodland Habitat Networks (5)	5
Biodiversity	Woodland Habitat Networks	Woodland Habitat Networks (6)	6
Biodiversity	Woodland Habitat Networks	Woodland Habitat Networks (9)	9