

## Tree Planting Deep Dive – Terms of Reference

### Purpose

To identify and prioritise a set of actions to increase tree planting and overcome barriers related to:

1. Woodland creation, taking account of the challenging levels of tree planting needed to address climate change.
2. Use of Welsh timber in construction and the need to de-carbonise Welsh housing.
3. Encouraging community tree planting

The deep dive will:

- Consider concerns and barriers
- Learn from previous work on woodland creation, actions already tried, and lessons learned, including from the Mbale tree planting scheme
- Identify levers for change, who should lead on each area, what are the priorities
- Identify any requirements for additional support or changes to legislation

### Membership of the group

The deep dive will involve a small group of experts led by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change, from both within the sector and outside to provide input and challenge. Meetings will be chaired by the Deputy Minister, with secretariat provided by Welsh Government. Members have been chosen on the basis of their individual expertise and experience; as such attendance is not to be delegated.

Membership will be as follows:

Name	Organisation/Role
Sian Barnes	Professional Lead – Countryside Services, Powys County Council
Amanda Davies	Chief Executive, Pobl
Gareth Davies	Director, Coed Cymru
Anthony Geddes	National Manager for Wales, Confor
Sarah Jennings	Executive Director of Communications, Customer and Commercial, NRW
Jenny Knight	Forest Edge Doctoral Scholar, Birmingham Institute of Forest Research
Mark McKenna	Director, Down to Earth
Gary Newman	Chief Executive, Wood Knowledge Wales
Maria Wilding	Programme Manager, Llais y Goedwig
Karel Williams	Professor of Accounting and Political Economy, University of Manchester
Andrew Jeffreys	Director, Welsh Government Treasury

## **Timing**

The exercise will begin on 21<sup>st</sup> June, with meetings taking place at regular intervals before Senedd summer recess (19<sup>th</sup> July). The outcomes of the review will be announced in a Ministerial Statement ahead of summer recess. Further detail will be published in the Woodland for Wales Action Plan later in 2021.

The group may meet occasionally following this statement if actions are identified which require longer-term work.

## **Communications**

Discussions in the group will take place on a Chatham House basis and there will be no communications about the final outcome of discussions unless first agreed with Welsh Government. Round table and other meetings with wider stakeholders will supplement the meetings of the above group.

Welsh Government will publish these Terms of Reference and circulate notes of meetings to the group.