

Ten Core Principles for the Public Forest Estate Management Body

1. The new public forest estate management body should conserve and enhance the estate for the benefit of people, nature and the economy.
2. The new public forest estate management body should be publicly-owned and operationally independent of Government.
3. The new public forest estate management body should be underpinned by statute and have a charter.
4. The new public forest estate management body should be managed by experts and have access to the best advice.
5. The new public forest estate management body should have commercial freedoms but will be required to protect the estate.
6. The new public forest estate management body should be able to buy and sell land, but any land sales must be for the benefit of the estate.
7. The new public forest estate management body should be a pioneer in natural capital accounting and payment for ecosystem services.
8. The new public forest estate management body should work closely with local communities, estate users and businesses. It should have consultation at its heart.
9. The new public forest estate management body should be an exemplar of sustainable forest management.
10. The new public forest estate management body should build on the strengths of Forest Enterprise England.



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