

26 November 2024**TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL IN THE FORESTRY COMMISSION****Issue**

This covering paper and the attached document 'towards sustainable travel emissions in the Forestry Commission' set out a high-level overview of the actions required at an overarching Forestry Commission level to continue progress towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions from business travel.

The purpose of the document is to:

1. Clearly communicate the drivers for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
2. To provide a high-level analysis of our current travel emissions, drawing insight from this data to inform required actions.
3. To put forward proposed Forestry Commission wide actions required to enable continued travel emissions reduction.
4. To secure Executive Board endorsement and leadership commitment to the planned approach.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Executive Board review the attached document and:

1. Endorse the proposed actions to move forwards with travel emissions reduction (Section 5). Several of these actions will be brought back to the Executive Board for review and approval prior to implementation.
2. Provide a specific steer on the proposed options for revising the current grey fleet emissions policy and what further engagement is required with the EB prior to implementation (Section 4.5.4).
3. Agree to implement a further extension to the current grey fleet emissions grace period. This will allow enabling actions to take place which will facilitate implementation of the new policy approach. It is suggested that any communication of a further extension include a high-level overview of the planned changes.

Background

Please see the attached document 'Towards sustainable travel in the Forestry Commission' for further background information and discussion.

Director of engineering

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