

Forestry Commission – Board of Commissioners

Terms of Reference

These terms are set by the Board of Commissioners and have no effect on their powers or duties.

The Board of Commissioners will consist of a Chair and up to 10 other members appointed by His Majesty the King to be Forestry Commissioners.

The Board will be responsible for:

- ensuring that Commissioners' statutory duties are fulfilled;
- oversight of any changes to the governance structure of the Forestry Commission;
- delegating by administrative order to the Boards of Forestry England, Forest Services and Forest Research such functions as are required to support the formation and delivery of the government's forestry and woodlands policy in England;
- appointing a National Committee and Forestry and Woodlands Advisory Committees in accordance with the Forestry Act 1967;
- maintaining an overview of corporate risk through the assuring itself of the effectiveness of the internal control, governance, and risk management framework. The FC Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC) will address cross-cutting FC risks and issues on behalf of the Commissioners.

The Board of Commissioners will customarily meet two times a year. They may meet more or less than two times a year at their discretion.

The Commissioners may act by three of their number notwithstanding a vacancy in their number and may regulate their own procedure.

Appointments are initially for three years, with a second term allowed.

Membership w/c 31/03/2025

Sir William Worsley (Chair)
Richard Stanford (FC CEO)
Hilary Allison (non-executive)
Jo Bradwell (non-executive)
Kate Cheetham (non-executive)
Peter Latham (non-executive)
Jennie Price (non-executive)
Neil Sachdev (non-executive)
Sandy Storrie (non-executive)
Ross Murray (non-executive)

Attendees

The following FC senior officers would normally attend:

Forestry England CEO
Forest Research CEO
Director Forest Services
FC Director of Finance & Corporate Governance
Secretary to the Board of Commissioners