
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**Duchess Wood Local Nature Reserve
Committee**

**DEVELOPMENT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

22nd August 2017

Duchess Wood WIAT Application

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the application to the Forestry Commission Woods In and Around Town Urban Woodland Management Plan fund.
- 1.2 The application was submitted on 31-May-2017 and approved on 6-July-2017. The funding contract is currently being processed.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are invited to note the contents of this report.

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3.0 INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the application to the Forestry Commission Woods In and Around Town Urban Woodland Management Plan fund.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Members are invited to note the contents of this report.

5.0 DETAIL

- 5.1 An application was submitted to the Forestry Commission 'Woods In and Around Town Urban Woodland Management' fund on 31-May-2017.
- 5.2 This fund provides support for the creation of a Woods In and Around Towns – Urban Woodland Management Plan which sets out the management and public access objectives for a particular woodland. This is a standard cost capital grant that is paid once when the completed plan is approved.
- 5.3 Notification of approval of this application was issued on 6-July-2017.
- 5.4 The next stage in the approval process is to be issued with a Forestry Grant Scheme Contract for signature. This will confirm the value of and release the grant payment.
- 5.5 Following the completion of the Forestry Grant Scheme Contract, applications can be considered to the Woodland Improvement Grant – Woods In and Around Towns fund.

6.0 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The application to the Forestry Commission 'Woods In and Around Town Urban

Woodland Management' fund was approved on 6-July-2017. The Forestry Grant Scheme Contract is in the process of being issued to confirm the value of and release the grant payment.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

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| 7.1 | Policy | Duchess Wood is designated as a Local Nature Reserve. |
| 7.2 | Financial | None |
| 7.3 | Legal | None |
| 7.4 | HR | None |
| 7.5 | Equalities | No equal opportunities implications. |
| 7.6 | Risk | None at present. |
| 7.7 | Customer Service | Working with local people. |

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