

2016/17 Statement on Efficiency, Effectiveness and Economy

2016-17 has seen further improvement in Forestry Commission Scotland's (FCS) Environmental Management System (EMS) and drive to minimise the impact of our activities. In line with FCS's Public Bodies Duties, annual targets continue to be applied in key areas such as reducing emissions resulting from travel and energy use, and minimising the organisations water consumption and waste generation.

Building on from our Business Sustainability work in 15/16, once again there has been a noticeable development in staff awareness over the past year.

The FC Scotland Business Sustainability intranet site is maintained by a designated member of staff ensuring recent developments are publicised. The website provides up-to-date, relevant information for staff across Scotland. Business Sustainability support roles are well defined and staff know who to contact in relation to a specific enquiry.

The Business Sustainability Enquires Outlook mailbox is not as busy as previously, due to the improved capabilities of staff in inputting to the Business Sustainability database. Local Business Sustainability teams ask for advice from the Business Sustainability Co-ordinator, increasing their knowledge across the organisation.

The Business Sustainability Co-ordinator will carry out site visits and training as necessary, on request. This ensures data is being input correctly to the database and recycling is being done as efficiently as possible.

It was concluded that we would withdraw from ISO 14001 certification and not seek re approval when the current certificate expired in June 2016.

Although we will no longer be audited externally by the LRQA or take part in ISO 14001 we are continuing with the 'Best Practice' learnt over the years, to ensure we keep up the high standards achieved to date.

We have continued to improve sustainability through energy efficiency and carbon reduction

FCS has continued to make improvements in the accuracy and availability of key environmental management data to cost centres. Alongside monitoring travel emissions and energy use, new reporting and metering systems for waste and water management are enabling more reliable information to be reported on waste generation and water consumption.

The standardising of recycling procedures and the review of waste categories within FCS has made recording more accurate, ensuring that the information collated is now comparable across the organisation. Aerosol cans are now collected by local councils and recycling companies, removing the need for specialist collections and reducing costs significantly.

During 2016/17 a new bicycle shed was installed at Silvan House, Edinburgh to accommodate an increasing number of staff cycling to work. With the increased capacity of the new shed and existing bike rails at the front of the building there is now space for 60 bikes. As a result this has further encouraged an additional number of staff to cycle to work.

Edinburgh City Council is running a scheme encouraging staff to use greener options to travel to work. The first action was a Travel Survey which Silvan House

staff completed. Other action points would be looked at after completion of the survey.

In 2016/17 FCS managers have continued to make CO2 and other emissions a key part of the decision making process when deciding on replacement vehicles.