

Shaping the Future of Forestry Commission England

The way forward to 2015

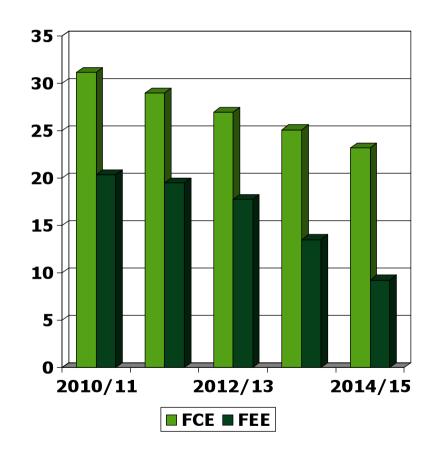
Presentation for all staff 23rd May 2011



The SR10 Challenge

- Reduction in Defra funding by 25% by 2014/15
- Stopping the use of land sales as means to balance the books (currently £8m per annum)
- Change what the Forestry Commission delivers and how it is delivered to reflect the Government's new policies and approach.

Change in Funding (£m)





- Cannot continue with small incremental changes – significant reform is essential so that we remain fit for purpose
- Launched staff consultation on 2nd February
 - Extended at the request of the FCTU
- Consultation closed on 1st April and we have now revised proposals in light of feedback and other work
- Consultation on Shared Services and England Corporate Functions is still to begin.





- FC is a successful organisation, delivering a wide range of benefits – but we are facing unprecedented change
- Our settlement with Defra requires us to reduce our resources budget by 25%
- We need to re-shape our organisation so that we are fit for the future - your input <u>has</u> helped us to improve our plans - thank you
- We encourage your ongoing participation in shaping our new ways of working
- We appreciate everyone's ongoing hard work and your commitment to our values.

- Today is to present to all staff and FCTU:
 - Revised plans following consultation
 - Updated Staff Protocol
 - Headline Implementation Plan
- These build on the presentation given in February and feedback to the consultation
- Seek to confirm as much detail as we can do at this stage
- Further changes will follow once:
 - Further work is completed, and
 - After the Shared Services and Corporate Functions consultation
- We may need to make some changes earlier than we currently anticipate

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Staff Consultation Feedback

- An excellent response to the consultation
 - Over 500 responses from individuals, teams and the Trade Unions
 - 88% from individuals
 - 12% from groups
 - 67% from Forest Enterprise staff
 - 26% from Forest Services staff
 - 7% from others
- We have made a number of significant changes as a result
- Further detailed suggestions will be incorporated as part of the detail of the implementation plans.

FC England Overview



Our Vision – a reminder

 By April 2015 the Forestry Commission in England has evolved in its scale, remit and approach, to lead the delivery of Government policy for trees, woods and forests, whilst achieving deficit reduction funding targets and to be resilient so as to continue to be able to deliver into the future.



New Policy Priorities

- We will focus on:
 - Protection: protecting the woodland resource and increasing its resilience, for example, to pests, diseases and the impact of climate change
 - Improvement: improving the woodland resource to enhance benefits including biodiversity, landscape quality and a range of other ecosystem services
 - Expansion: Promote and incentivise the planting and natural regeneration of trees, woods and forests of the right type in the right place
- We will deliver this by:
 - Empowerment and Engagement: empowering and enabling people to engage with trees, woods and forests, so that they can determine the benefits that they wish to see delivered
 - Economic Activity: promoting a competitive, thriving and resilient forestry sector alongside a wide range of private sector business partners.



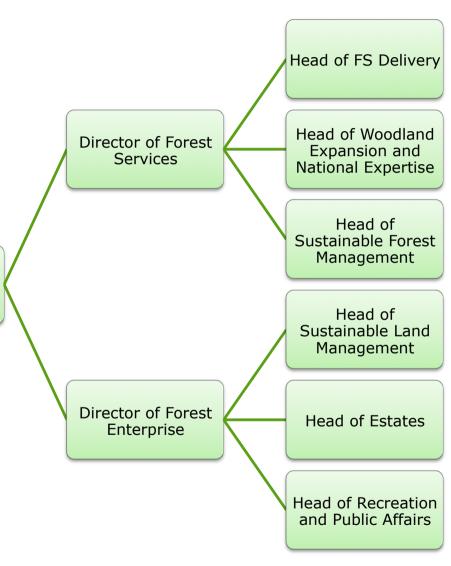
England Structure and Senior Staff*

 Integrated senior management structure with combined Director General and Director England post

Clearer support and single point of contact for Westminster

Director General Chief Executive

- Create two teams of Forest Services and Forest Enterprise
- Look to take advantage of efficiencies from sharing services and/or offices
- Looking to make all possible savings and efficiency gains to minimise staff losses.



^{*} Includes Senior Staff Group, and Pay Band 1s with a national role and excludes England Corporate Functions and other reporting responsibilities, in England or elsewhere



The Way Forward for Forest Services

Forest Services Summary 1

- Move to a 5-area structure each led by an Area Director and based on amalgamated regional boundaries
- Delivery and partnership / expertise teams based within these areas and with a greater lead in sub-national or national roles
- Woodland Officers (numbers maintained) with refreshed roles to reflect the new delivery framework and based locally to reflect their working areas
- Administrative teams primarily organised in hubs and managed from the national office. Some additional work is required before a final conclusion.

Forest Services Summary 2

- A national expertise team organised around ecosystem services and with greater distribution of expert roles to local teams and recognition and use of the expertise within local teams
- Combined Strategic Development Team in the national office supporting the whole of FS (national and local delivery).
- A single Management Board consisting of 4 senior
 Forest Services posts with representation from local delivery teams from an Area Director on a rotating basis
- Proposals may need some adaptation when the Independent Forestry Panel has reported and Ministers have responded.

- Our approach remains consistent with the consultation document as a high proportion of our activities are:
 - statutory duties
 - existing or new programmes endorsed by Ministers and
 - directly reflecting FC's own delivery framework or
 - ensuring technical expertise at the local and national levels
 - focusing on doing things differently e.g. different ways of administering grants and others delivering for us
 - or doing less e.g. reduced manner
- But responds to consultation feedback e.g.:
 - further work on implementing admin hubs
 - using existing regional boundaries
 - respecting the Midlands as an entity
 - Providing northern representation.

Main Structures – Local Areas

- A refined 5 area structure, each led by a PB2 Area Director (one change of Main office from Delamere to Penrith – with EA and NE)
- Reflect and combine existing regional boundaries
- Delivery and Partnership / local expertise teams based within those areas, with some lead expertise roles
- Woodland officers (numbers maintained) with refreshed roles based locally to reflect their working areas
- Management Structures in areas reflecting reasonable spans of control
- Administrative teams primarily organised in hubs and managed from the national office.

New Forest Services Areas



FS Areas and Offices

Area	Main office and Administrative Hubs (at 14/15)	Offices in which Administration of Forest Services will cease by 14/15	
National	• Bristol		
South West	 Exeter on Defra site or at FE Buller's Hill as co-located office Exeter Administrative Hub 	ColefordMamhead	
South East, London and Chilterns	 Alice Holt co-located with Forest Research London sub-office co-located with Defra Alice Holt Administrative Hub 	WendoverBedgebury	
East and East Midlands	 Santon Downham co-located with FE Santon Downham Administrative Hub 	SherwoodMarket RasenTanghamFineshade	
Yorkshire and North East	 York co-located with FE, Defra and NE York Administrative Hub 	RothburyHamsterleyWheldrake (May 2011)	
North West and West Midlands	 Penrith . Main office – co-located with EA and NE Worcester Administrative Hub 	Peil WykeDelamereLudlow	

Staff Numbers

FTE Totals Payband	FY 2010/11	FY 2014/15	FTEs in 2014/15 as % of FTEs in 2010/11	Reduction in number of FTE from 2010/11 to 2014/15
SSG 1	1.00	1.00	100%	0.00
PB1	4.00	3.00	75%	1.00
PB2	17.00	12.00	71%	5.00
PB3	26.17	22.00	84%	4.17
PB4	30.23	26.00	86%	5.23
PB5	19.91	16.50	83%	3.41
PB5 (Ops)	45.53	46.00	101%	(+0.47)
PB6a	2.75	0.00	0%	2.75
PB6b	63.59	45	69%	18.59
PB7	0.36	0.00	0	0.36
Totals	210.55	171.59	81%	38.96

Main Structures - National Office

- National Expertise Team based on ecosystem services with greater distribution of expertise roles to local teams
- Sustainable Forest Management Team
- Strategic Development Team supporting all FS national and local delivery
- Single Management Board (4 senior FS posts, with rotating Area Director representation).

Forest Services Management Board

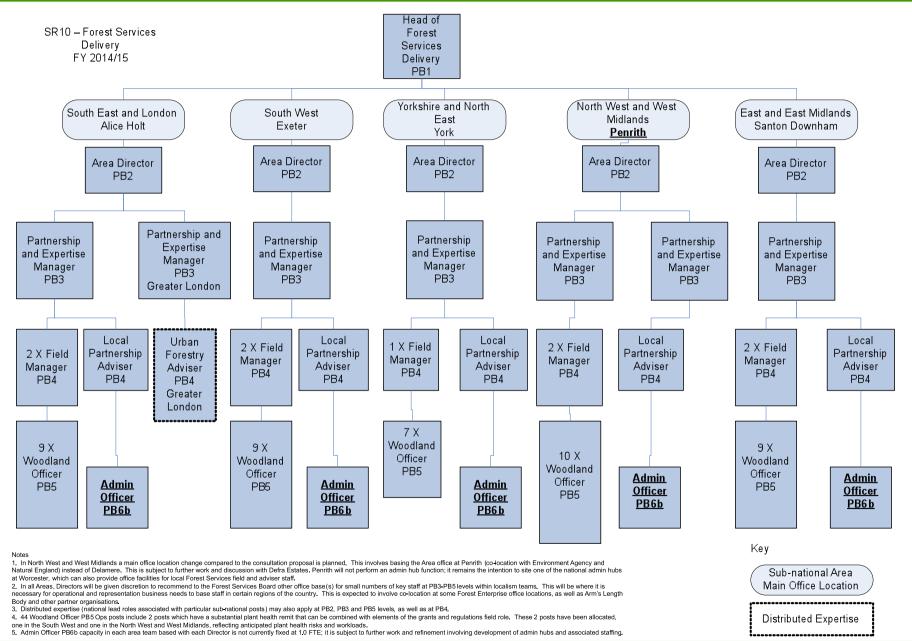
SR10 – Forest Services Management Board

FY 2014/15

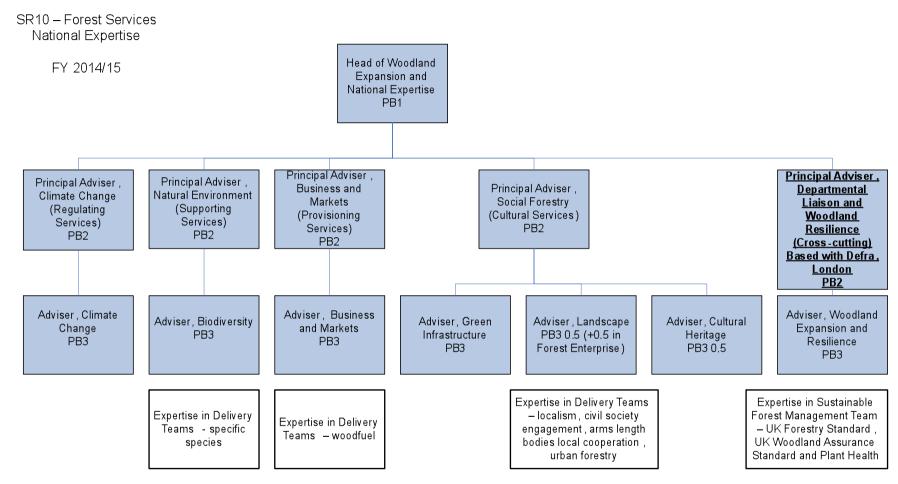




Forest Services Delivery



National Expertise

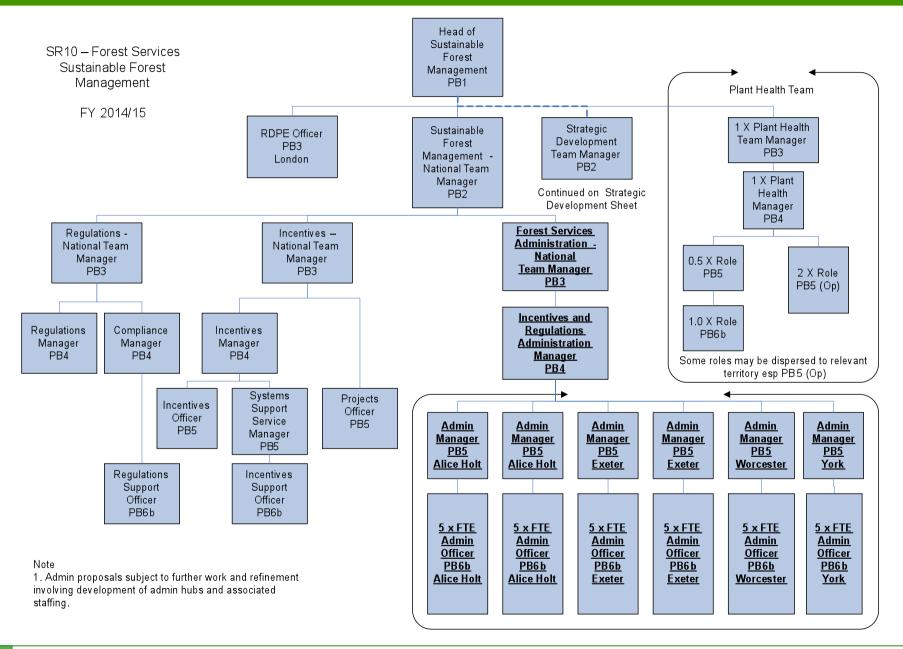


Note

- 1. The National Expertise team is organised along ecosystem services lines . The team provides national level advice and runs national scale initiatives for enabling frameworks . The team works closely with the Strategic Development team on national scale change initiatives. Business management services are provided by the central business management team .
- 2. Principal Adviser , Departmental Liaison and Woodland Resilience post is subject to further consideration of national office delivery team administrative support balance , line management of Adviser , Woodland Expansion and Resilience may change as a consequence .

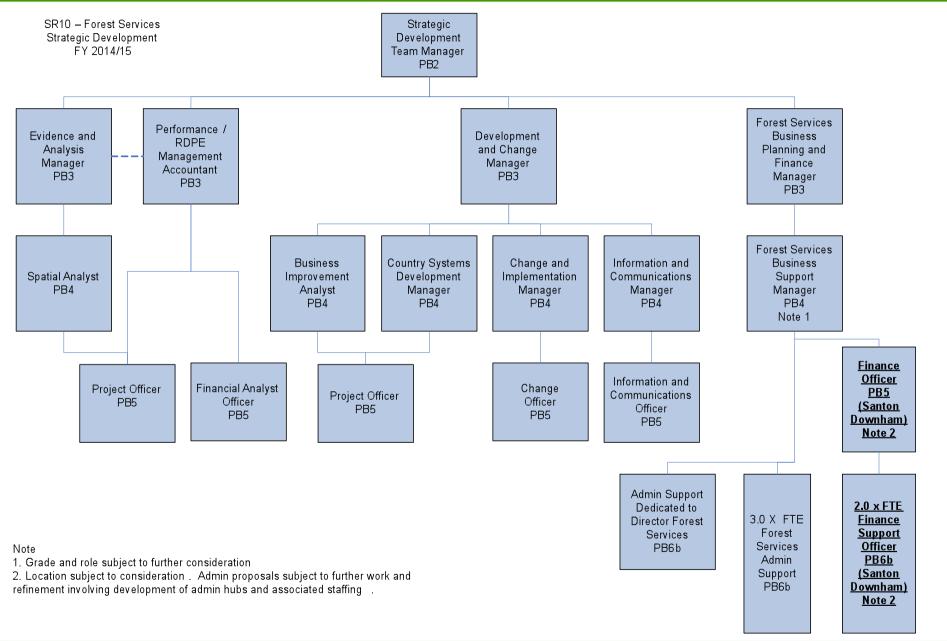


Sustainable Forest Management





Strategic Development



Areas of Further Work

Structure

- Administration balance between admin hubs and main offices (to conclude by Sept 11)
- further consider admin capacity beyond current G&R workload assessment
- Processes for ensuring continued good customer care incorporated in implementation
- Some decisions delegated to local managers, e.g.
 - Details of staff locations and FJPs
 - Hot-desks for teams etc
 - Normal business plan changes.



The Way Forward for Forest Enterprise

- Move to 6 Forest Districts, but a modified structure following consultation
- Beat structures remain at the heart of the proposals
- No changes to previously proposed main or sub-offices
- Maintain an additional management unit (as currently) for Westonbirt (with head of unit having a role in all tree collections)
- Include staff required to manage total current area of the FC Estate.

- Civil Engineering to remain as a National functional unit
- Incoming work from Business units/shared services not yet included
- Proposals may need some adaptation when the Independent Forestry Panel has reported and Ministers have responded.

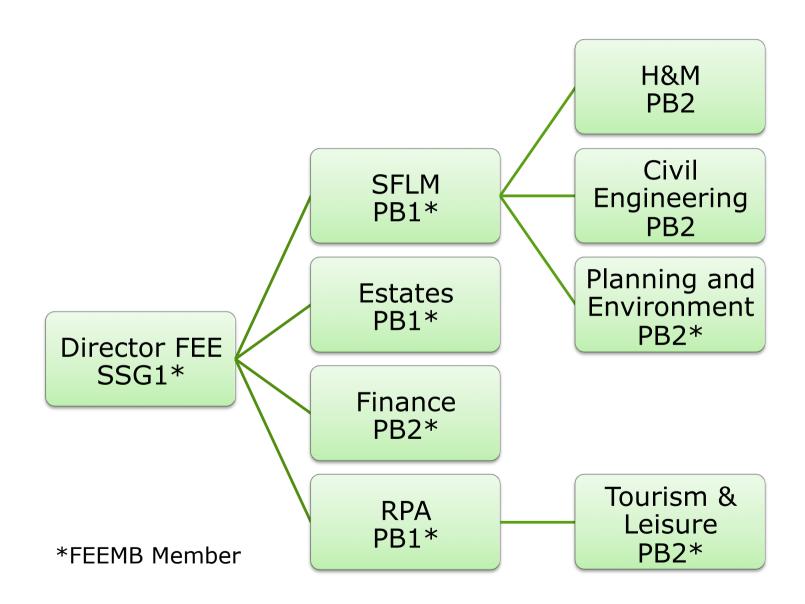
- A modified structure of 6 Forest Districts
 - Replace proposal to create a 'Moors & Lakes' FD & a reduced 'Kielder FD' with two FDs comprised of:
 - North England all existing Kielder FD + Bowland and Cumbria parts of NW England FD
 - Yorkshire based on North York Moors FD existing boundaries
 - Move Savernake into West England District
 - Minor alterations to other proposed boundaries:
 - Warwickshire woods from Central to West
 - South Bedfordshire woods from Central to East



Six Districts and Westonbirt



FE Structure and Senior Staff



National Office

- Main Office at Bristol (shared with Forest Services etc)
- Sub Office at York (shared with Forest Services)

Forest Districts

- Three levels of office
 - Main FD Office (FMD, most senior team and admin)
 - Sub Office (PB4 or above and probably some admin)
 - Beat Office (PB5 and generally no admin)

Forest Districts

Management Unit	Main Office	Sub-OfficesBeat Offices	Office Closures
National	Bristol	York (new office with Forest Services)	• Clifton Moor
North	Bellingham	 Grizedale Spadeadam Gisburn Hamsterley Whinlatter and Peil Wyke 	RothburyDunsop Bridge
Yorkshire	Pickering	• None	• None
Central	Sherwood	 Cannock Delamere Fineshade Market Rasen Bamford or Rosliston 	Bourne WoodSilverstoneBentley
East	Santon Downham	BedgeburyTanghamWendoverThames Chase	• None
South	Lyndhurst	 Farnham (Alice Holt or Bucks Horn Oak) Micheldever Eartham Wareham 	• None
West	Coleford	 Haldon Ludlow Wyre Savernake Halwill Quantocks Dunmere or Cardinham 	• Bellever
Westonbirt	Westonbirt	• None	• None

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Staff Proposals

- 10/11 baseline: 872 (full time equivalent FTE)
- Staff number in Consultation proposal = 617 FTE
- Following consultation staff number has been revised to 661 FTE. Revised proposal includes:
 - Retain beat-level staff to enable management of all current estate area,
 - provision of a small number of additional specialist posts to provide capacity for future development,
 - responses to Consultation comments on individual posts,
 - correction of anomalies and errors in previous proposed structure,
- Staff numbers in some activities remain subject to ongoing Projects:
 - Admin, Wildlife, Learning, Retail.

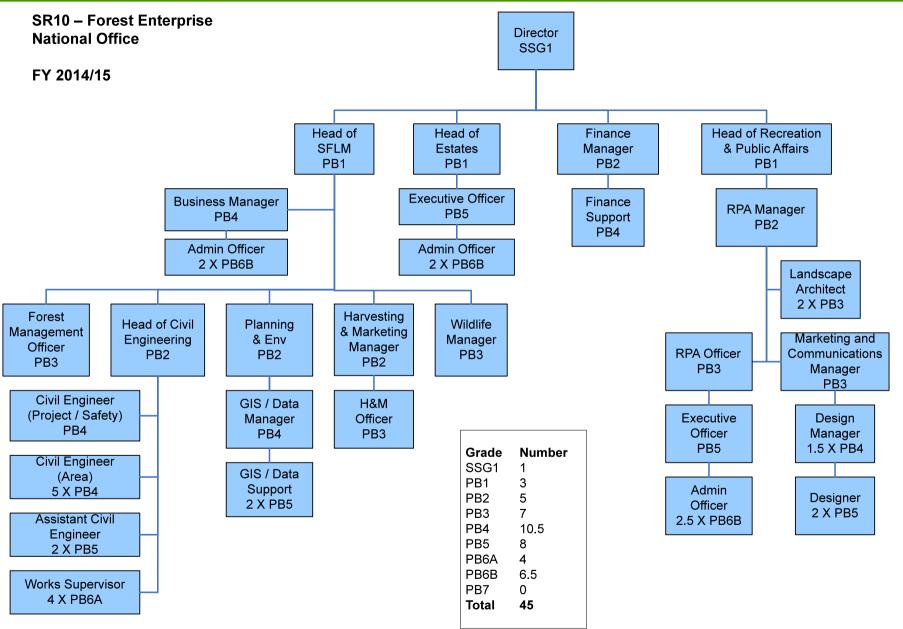
- Some changes have been made to Pay Bands, including for FMDs, following feedback and further analysis of job roles, to better reflect existing arrangements and provide more consistency
- Job titles have been rationalised from 122 to 86
- Contracts of employment and shift and working patterns have been reviewed for RPA staff. New draft standard contracts are being prepared to reflect typical working arrangements for consultation with the FCTU
- Staff savings will contribute up to half of the required financial improvement. Significant cash programme savings or income improvements will also be required.

Staff Numbers

FTE Totals Payband	FY 2010/11	FY 2014/15	% of 2010/11	Reduction in number of FTE from 2010/11 to 2014/15
SSG 1/1A	2.00	1.00	50%	1.00
PB1	4.00	6.00	150%	(+2.00)
PB2	15.8	9.00	57%	6.80
PB3	25.4	28.00	110%	(+2.60)
PB4	67.45	47.9	71%	19.55
PB5 (Ops and non Ops)	163.84	127.6	78%	36.24
PB6a (Ops and non Ops)	271.05	218.2	81%	52.85
PB6b	287.97	212.50	74%	75.47
PB7	35.10	11.00	31%	24.1
Totals	872.61	661.2	76%	211.41

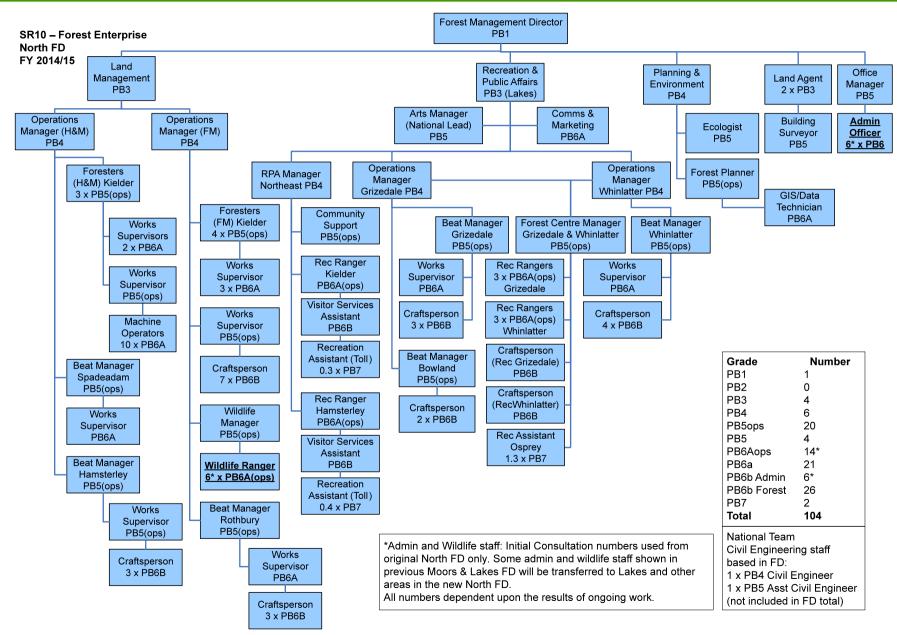


FE National Office



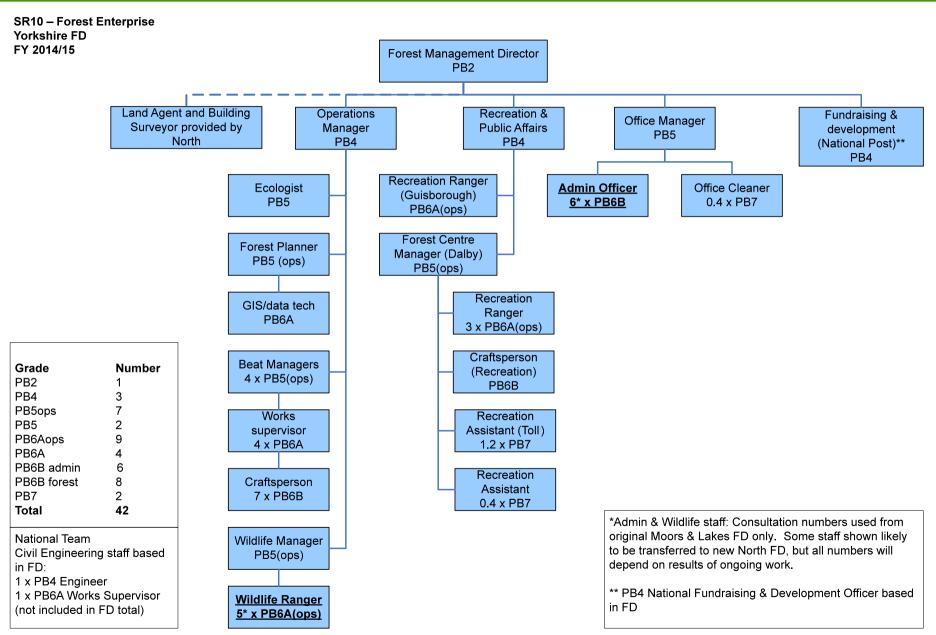


North Forest District



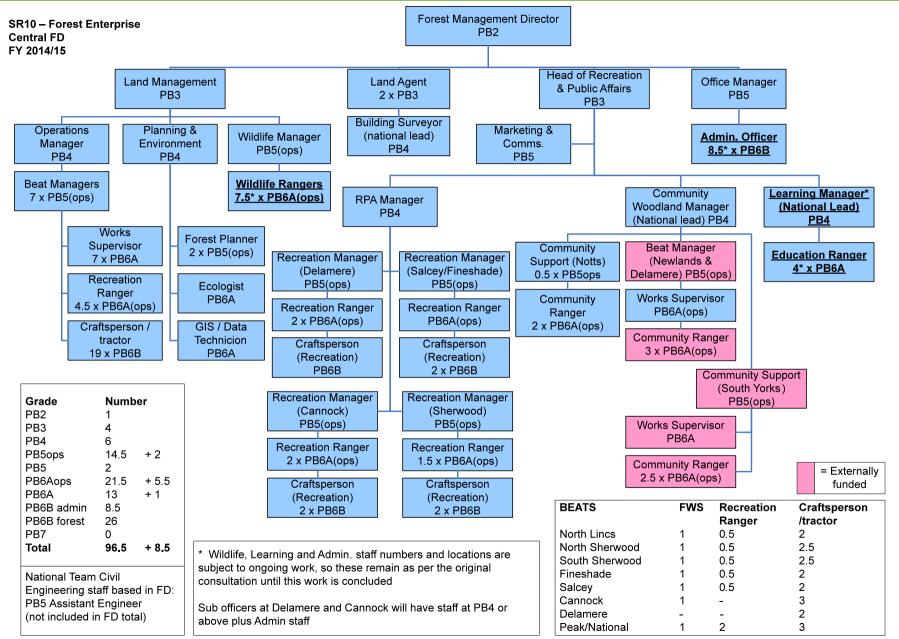


Yorkshire Forest District



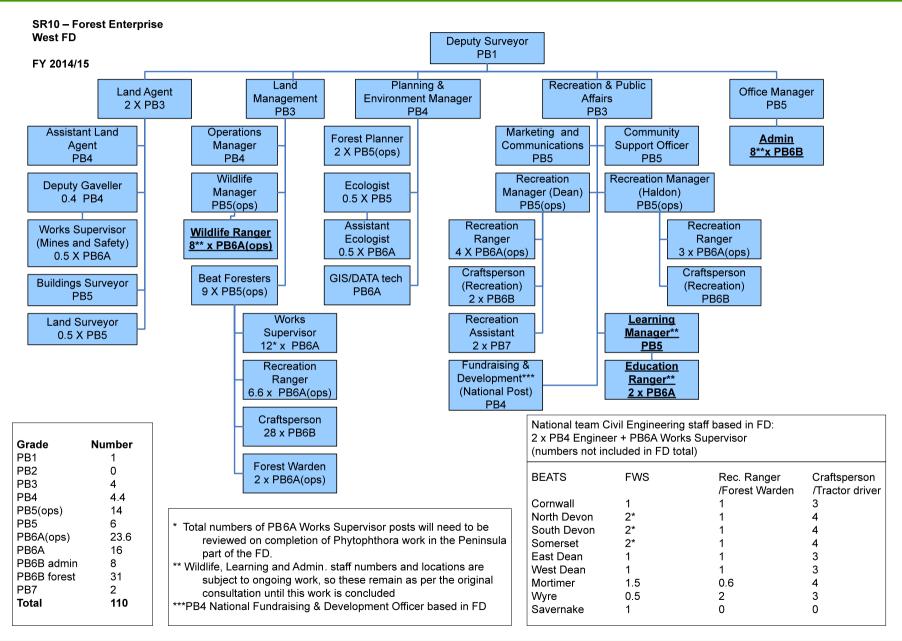


Central Forest District



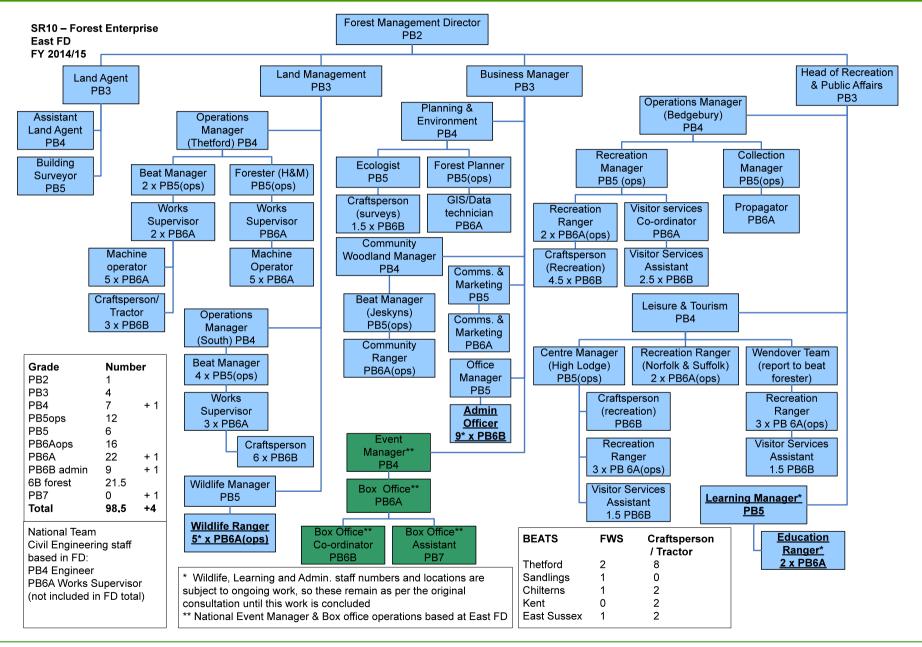


West Forest District



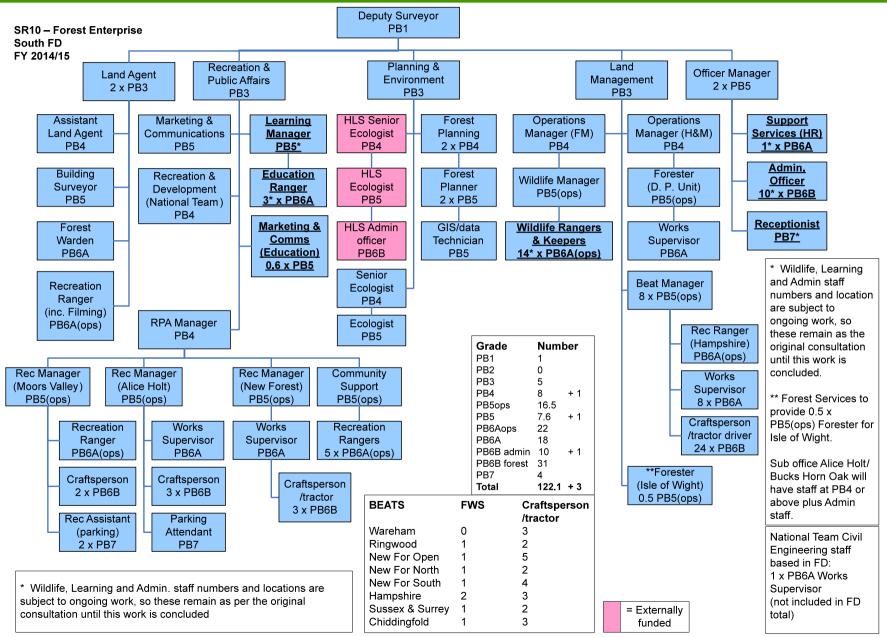


East Forest District





South Forest District





Westonbirt Arboretum

SR10 - Forest Enterprise Westonbirt Head of FY 2014/15 Westonbirt PB2 Recreation & Collection Learning Office Manager Public Affairs Manager Manager PB5 Manager PB4 PB5 PB5* Recreation **Education** Propagator Admin. Officer Manager Ranger 3* x PB6B PB6A 2* x PB6A PB5(ops) Recreation Ranger Dendrologist 1 x PB6A(ops) PB6A Visitor Services Works Supervisor Coordinator PB6a(ops) (Tree team) PB6A Visitor Services Assistant Craftsperson 4 x PB6B Grade Number 5 x PB6B Marketing & PB2 Communication Recreation Ranger PB3 PB5 (Site Maintenance) PB4 PB6A(ops) PB5 (ops) Marketing PB5 Administrator PB6A(ops) PB6A PB6A PB6B admin 3 PB6B forest * Learning and Admin. staff numbers and locations are subject to PB7 0 ongoing work, so these remain as per the original consultation until 28 Total this work is concluded

Priority Projects

- Forest District Administration quantifying and organising support required for new FD structures
- Wildlife Management moving to a mixed delivery model
- Learning moving out of direct delivery
- Retail moving out of direct delivery

New Projects (following Consultation)

- Review of Procedures
- Built Estate

Activities Projects

Priority Projects (major staff implications)

- Project Teams established from across the business
- Reporting by end of September
- Projects will make use of the detailed consultation responses
- Change in some activities is complex and requires development of new models. Need to get this right.
- Proposals will be subject to separate further consultation
- Wildlife and Admin projects do not include PB5 staff who are already shown in the new structures
- Numbers for PB6 and PB7 staff shown in the structures are from the original consultation proposal and are subject to change when the projects report
- Project plans will be made available.

New Ways of working

- Other projects will support changes required in other areas, e.g. – forest management, community woodlands
- These will be timed to run over the Spending Review period
- We will need to continue to develop new ways of working:
 - To live within our resources
 - To meet Government expectations on localism, Big Society and appropriate levels of engagement for public bodies.

Staffing Protocol

Outcome from Consultation....

- rethink over categories in Staffing Protocol
- defining what we mean by unchanged and new jobs
- minimising impact on people/mobility where we can
- revamp of assimilation arrangements
- consultation with FCTU over principles re pools of redundancy.

Staffing Protocol Changes

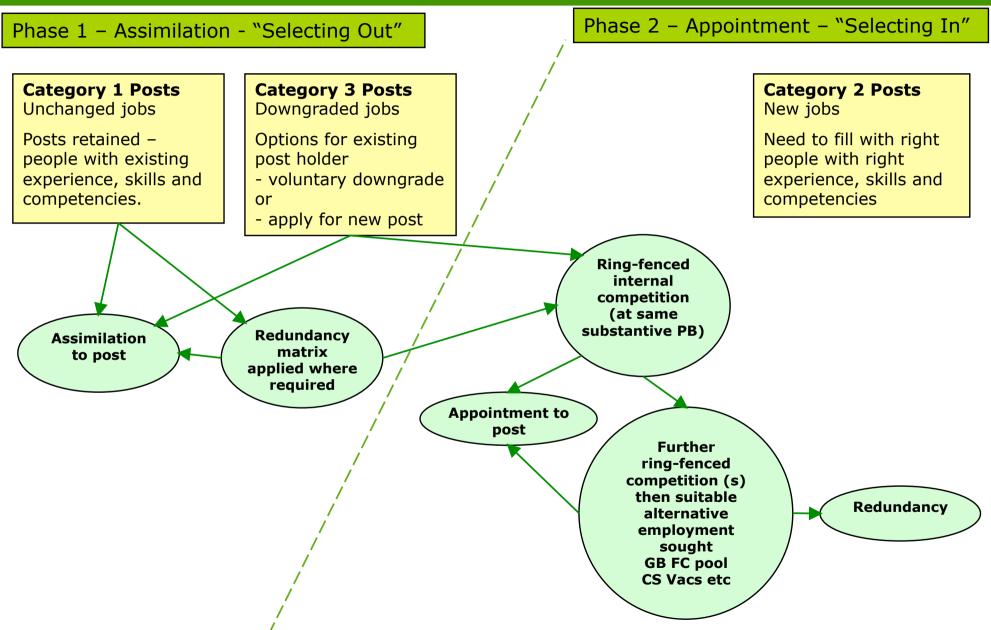
- Three revised categories
 - Category 1 Unchanged or minor changed posts
 - Category 2 New Posts
 - Category 3 Downgrading of posts
- Revised protocol helps define what these are
- Identify any posts that are 'downgraded'.

Why these categories?

- Feedback and advice that we need different approaches
- 'Selecting out'
 - Need to use our redundancy matrix to 'select' people 'out' when we have more people than posts
- 'Selecting in'
 - We need to use a ring-fenced 'selection' process to select people 'in' where we have new jobs.



Posts - Categories 1, 2 and 3



- VEE first June 2011
- Assimilation arrangements Phase 1
 - Posts in categories 1 & 3 dealt with first
 - Where there are more people than posts, redundancy matrix applies
- PB 1, 2 & specialist posts National assimilation
- PB3 and below Geographic assimilation, in line with newly defined boundaries for FS and FE. Some roles may be pooled across both areas and possibly FR, i.e. admin roles.



Assimilation arrangements - Phase 2

- Deals with posts in category 2
- Ring-fenced paper selection process applies first
- Appointments made top down
- Staff who don't have posts need to apply
 - This includes those staff selected out in Phase 1.

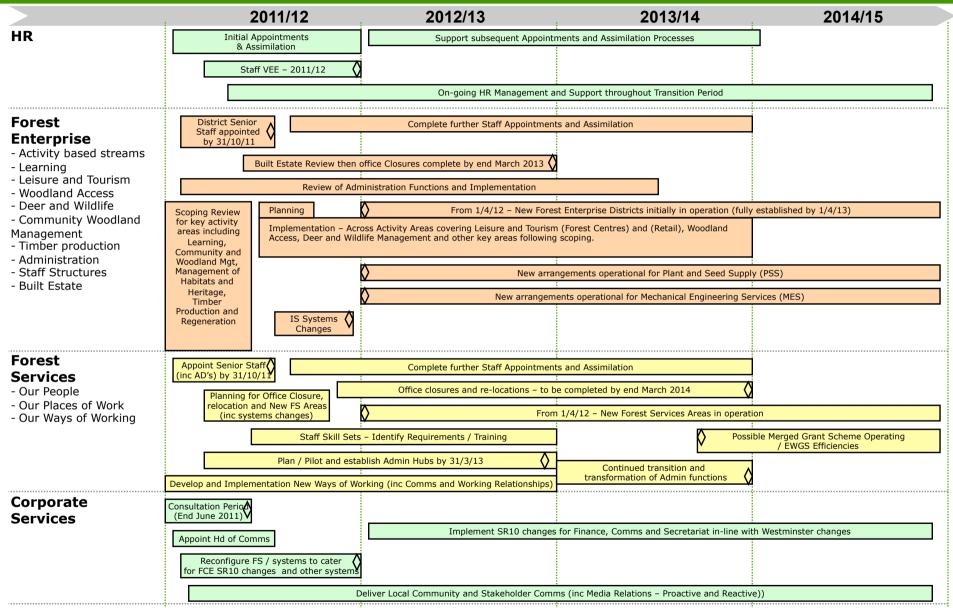
- Staff who are unsuccessful in securing a post remain 'at risk' of redundancy during phases 1 and 2
- Staff only declared surplus and in the wider GBFC redeployment pool once phases 1 & 2 exhausted.

- Can only assimilate posts where structure has been determined
- The process will take time top downwards
- We may need to make some changes earlier than we currently anticipate
- Managers will have a key role redundancy matrix/selection

Next Steps



SR10 Programme – Transition Plan



SR10 Programme - Summary Milestone Table

HR

Forest Enterprise

Forest Services

Corporate
Services
(including
Communications)

By April 2012 We will have:

- Completed PB1-2 and Special Posts Assimilation (by 16/9/11)
- Completed PB1-2 and Special Posts Appointments (by 31/10/11)
- Completed PB3 and below Assimilation (by 31/12/11)
- Completed PB3 and below Appointments by 31/3/12)
- Completed 2011/12 VEE
- Appointed our Senior District Staff (by 31/10/11)
- Completed Built Estate review and planned for office closures/ relocations
- Completed system changes to cater for new SR10 organisation (by 31/3/12)
- Completed Scoping for key activity areas
- Initiated planning around each business activity stream
- Prepared for start of new Forest District Areas on 1/4/12
- Appointed our Senior Staff including AD's (by31/10/11)
- Planned for office closures and relocations
- Reviewed staff skill sets
 Developed the Business
- Developed the Business Vision and Programme for New Ways of Working
- Planned and commenced initial implementation around Admin Hubs
- Prepared for the start of new FS Areas on 1/4/2012
- Completed the SR10
 Consultation process in-line with the Westminster
 Stream process
 Appointed Head of Comms
- Appointed Head of Comms
 Reconfigured systems
 (especially Finance) to cater for SR10 structures
- Managed the communications to staff and stakeholders around the SR10 plans
- Developed a new Communications Strategy

By April 2013 We will have:

- Delivered on-going HR support to business transition teams
- Managed on-going appointments and assimilation processes
- Completed Office closures by 31/3/13
- Completed Planning Phase for business activity streams
- Commenced
 Implementation in areas
 such as Leisure and Tourism
 and Learning
- Completed the majority of appointments and assimilation
- Operated new PSS and MES arrangements
- Established new Admin Hubs and working processes by 31/3/13
- · Developed staff skill sets
- Implemented priority New Ways of Working
- Completed the majority of appointments and assimilation
- Established new working relationships with stakeholders
- Continued to implement staff and cost savings in line with SR10 plans
- Developed support tools to help staff manage stakeholder communications

By April 2014 We will have:

- Delivered on-going HR support to business transition teams
- Managed on-going appointments and assimilation processes

- Operated fully functioning new Forest District areas for
- Continued Implementation across Activity areas
- Planned and Implemented revised Administration Functions
- Completed office closures and relocations
- Implemented all SR10 New ways of working
- Completed all necessary additional staff training
- Prepared for and implemented any Grant Merger arrangements or EWGS efficiency
- Completed transition and transformation of Admin functions
- Continued to implement staff and cost savings in line with SR10 plans
- Provided Proactive and Reactive communications to internal and external stakeholders

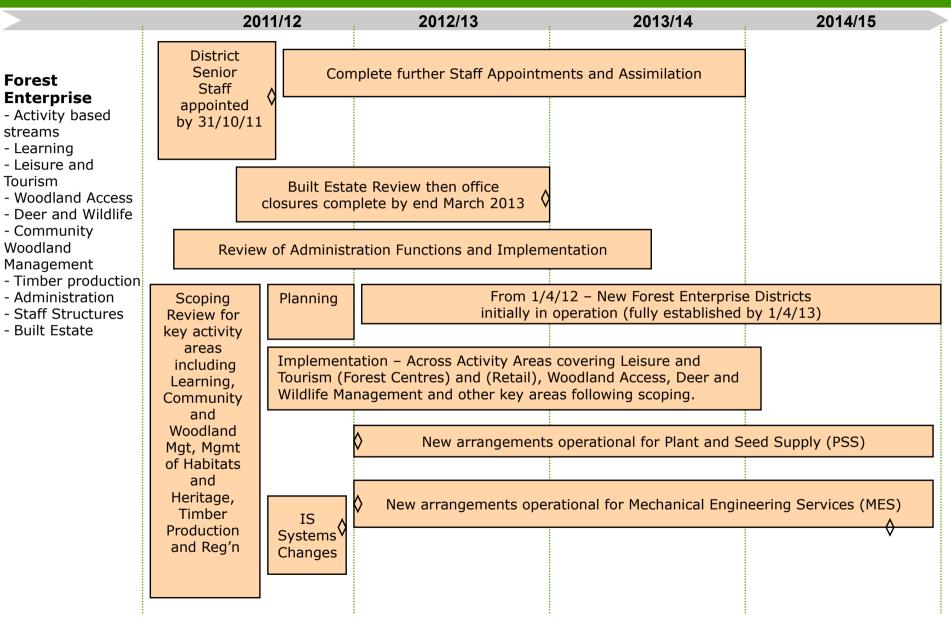
By April 2015 We will have:

Completed all appointments and assimilations

 Delivered required FE SR10 cost savings and headcount reductions

- SR10 cost savings and headcount reductions
- Established continuous improvement processes around new ways of working
- Closed the FS Transition programme
- Delivered required CS SR10 cost savings and headcount reductions
- Provided Proactive and Reactive communications to internal and external stakeholders

SR10 Programme – FE Transition Plans



SR10 Programme – FS Summary Milestone Table

By April 2012 We will have:

By April 2013 We will have:

By April 2014 We will have:

By April 2015 We will have:

Forest Enterprise

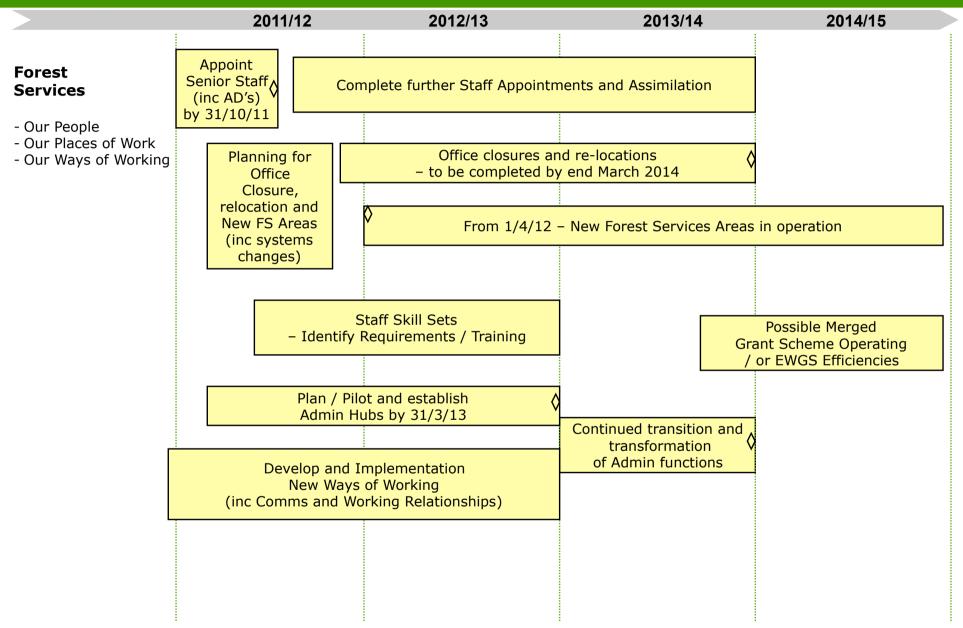
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- Completed Planning Phase for business activity streams
- Commenced Implementation in areas such as Leisure and Tourism and Learning
- Completed the majority of appointments and assimilation
- Operated new PSS and MES arrangements

- Operated fully functioning new Forest District areas for 1 yr.
- Continued Implementation across Activity areas
- Planned and Implemented revised Administration Functions

 Delivered required FE SR10 cost savings and headcount reductions

SR10 Programme – FS Transition Plans



Forest

Services

SR10 Programme - Summary Milestone Table

By April 2012 We will have:

• Appointed our Senior Staff including AD's (by 31/10/11)

- Planned for office closures and relocations
- Reviewed staff skill sets
- Developed the Business Vision and Programme for New Ways of Working
- Planned and commenced initial implementation around Admin Hubs
- Prepared for the start of new FS Areas on 1/4/2012

By April 2013 We will have:

- Established new Admin Hubs and working processes by 31/3/13
- Developed staff skill sets
- Implemented priority New Ways of Working
- Completed the majority of appointments and assimilation
- Established new working relationships with stakeholders

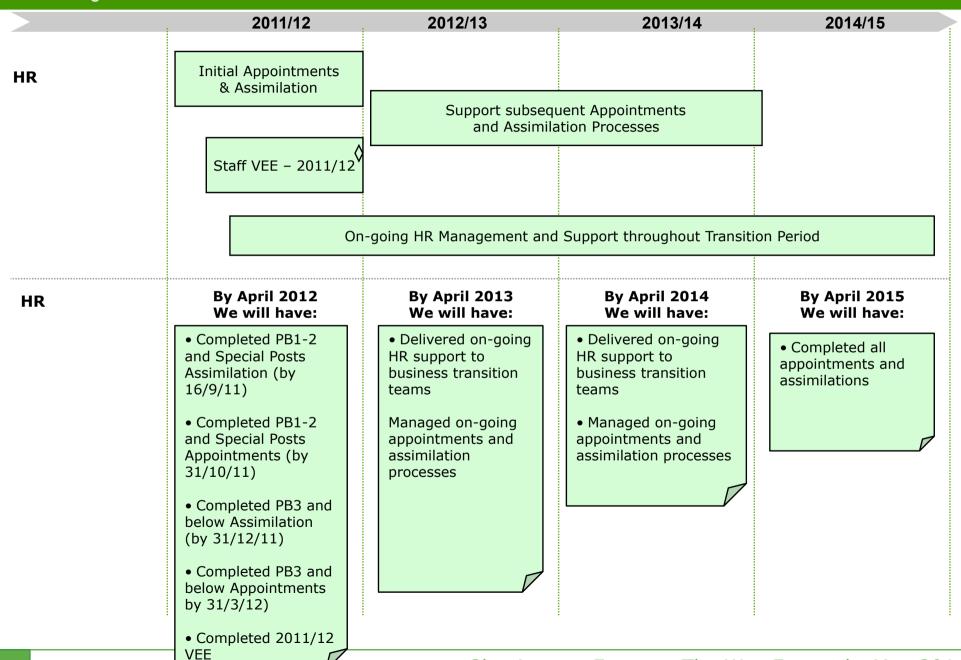
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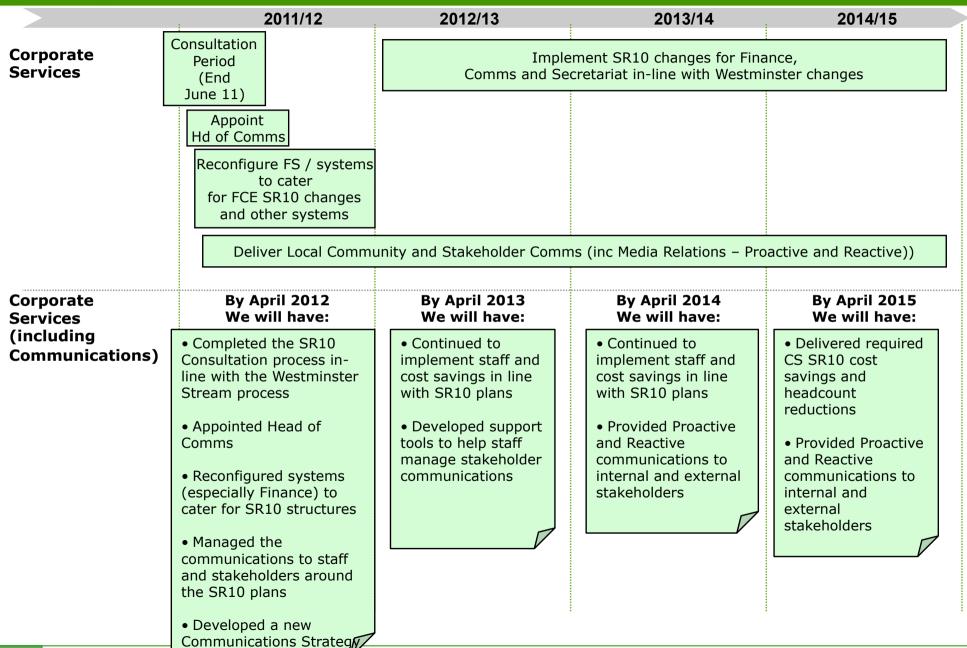
By April 2015 We will have:

- Delivered required FS SR10 cost savings and headcount reductions
- Established continuous improvement processes around new ways of working
- Closed the FS Transition programme

SR10 Programme – HR Transition Plans



SR10 Programme – CS Transition Plans



- Aim to establish new units from April 2012
- Voluntary Early Exit Scheme will run in June
- The ongoing workstreams will report at the end of September.
- Consultation on Corporate and Shared Services is still to begin
 - (Communications, Executive office, HR & finance)

- FC is a successful organisation, delivering a wide range of benefits – but we are facing unprecedented change
- We are re-shaping our organisation so that we are fit for the future - your input <u>has</u> helped us to improve our plans - thank you
- We welcome and need your ongoing participation in shaping our new ways of working
- We appreciate everyone's ongoing hard work and your commitment
- We will keep you informed of the progress.