

# Cross-Party Group on The Wood Panel Industry

Monday 19 May, 11:00am Via Zoom

## Agenda

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

- Chair of the Wood Panel Industry CPG, Fergus Ewing MSP

### 2. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

### 3. AGM

- 3.1 Election of Office Bearers
  - The following are standing:
    - Fergus Ewing MSP - Convener
    - Colin Smyth MSP - Deputy Convener (*nominated in absence*)
    - Sharon Dowey MSP - Deputy Convener
    - Elena Whitham MSP - Deputy Convener (*nominated in absence*)
- 3.2 Election of Secretariat
  - Wood Panel Industry Federation

### 4. CPG Work Programme

- Seek a meeting with the First Minister and Deputy First Minister to discuss the state of Scottish Forestry and the importance of the industry.
- Seek a Scottish Government Debate to call for a long term commitment to support woodland creation. This is to be complemented by a suite of parliamentary interventions.
- Invite Forestry and Land Scotland and Scottish Forestry to a future meeting of the CPG to emphasise the hectareage of land lying fallow.
- Creation of a press release to highlight the need for more attention and recognition to be given to the sector during the next Parliament giving emphasis to the imperative need for more commercial species.
- Agree strategy for working with the UK wide Tree Planting Task Force

### 5. AOB