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Governance Review Meeting – 12 June 2024

Attendees:

Brendan Gleeson, Paul Savage, DAFM

Vivienne Jupp, Imelda Hurley, Coillte

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Agenda

(As included in DAFM Invitation Letter of 24 May 2024)



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1) Corporate Governance & Strategic Planning

Standing Items

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Strategic Implementation Plan for Forest Estate Strategic Land Use Plan
- Afforestation

2) Shareholder Letter of Expectation (SLOE)

- New SLOE for 2024
- [REDACTED]

3) [REDACTED]

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4) [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

5) Update from State Body

- Coillte Nature Projects
- Project Prime (ISFF)
- FuturEnergy Ireland

6) Sustainability

- Progress with implementations of Climate Action Framework (Action 55 Framework)

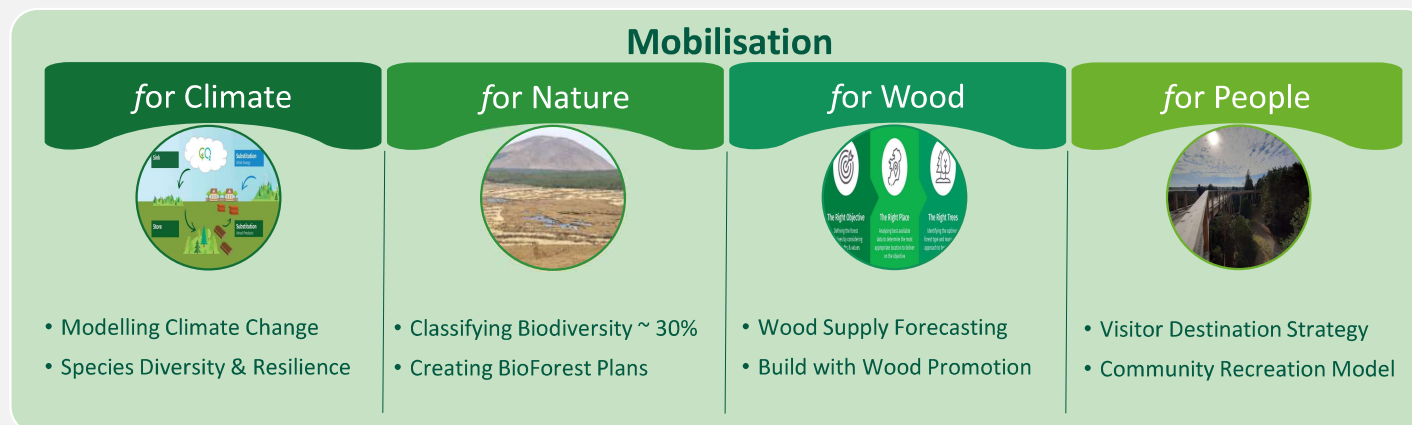
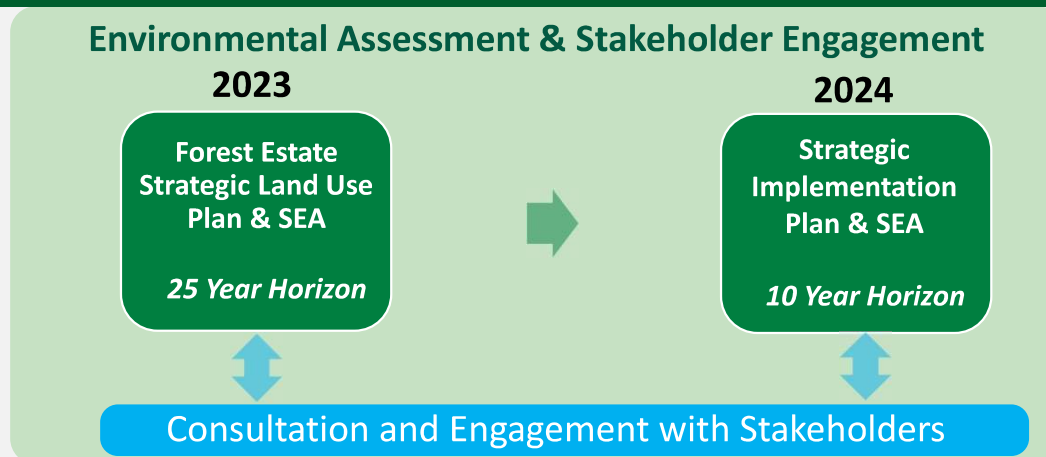
7) AOB

Corporate Governance & Strategic Planning

Coillte - Long-Term Strategic Vision for Forest Estate



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Corporate Governance & Strategic Planning

Ongoing work – Strategy in Action



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Forests for **Climate**

- **Creating New Forests:**
(The Nature Trust, ISFF)
- **Redesigning Peatlands:**
(Derryclare, Galway)
- **Carbon Modelling:**
(ClimAdapt, Carbon Stack)



Forests for **Nature**

- **Close to Nature Forestry:**
(e.g. Portumna, Dublin Mts)
- **Restoring Biodiversity:**
(BioForest Project ~ 60 Sites)
- **Enhancing Ecosystems:**
(Devil's Glen, Hazelwood, The Raven)

Forests for **People**

- **Local Recreation Areas:**
(Engaging with Local Authorities)
- **Mountain Bike Trail Head Centres:**
(5 Mountain Bike Trails)
- **Outstanding Visitor Destinations:**
(Beyond the Trees - Masterplanning)

Forests for **Wood**

- **Inter-departmental Working Group:** *(Regulation, Standards, Demo)*
- **Promoting Wood Use:**
(‘Build with Wood’ Sector Events)
- **Irish Homegrown Home:**
(South Dublin CoCo)

Update from State Body

Coillte Nature Projects



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Wild Western Peatlands (WWP)

Derryclare (Galway):

- Planning refusal by Galway County Council
- Engaging with stakeholders in June to discuss path forward

Cappaghooish, Derrylea and Glennamong (Galway / Mayo):

- Works continue planning additional sites

Midlands Native Woodland (MNW)

BNM Littleton Bog Complex (Tipperary/Kilkenny):

- Native woodland afforestation application for 140ha (with EIA). Decision outstanding

Restoring Biodiversity Projects

Hazelwood (Sligo): Works nearing completion on this project

Devils Glen (Wicklow):

- Biodiversity plans & invasive species plan completed
- 60ha CCF thinning marked, felling to commence this summer

Kerry Pearl (Kerry):

- A new project to restore native woodland in a Top 8 Freshwater Pearl Mussel Catchment

LIFE Insular (Wexford / Donegal): Sand dune restoration project in partnership with NPWS

Shannonside Woodlands (Leitrim):

- Native woodland restoration at 2 sites adjacent to R. Shannon and Aghnamona Bog

Dublin Mountains Makeover (DMM)

Ongoing progress - over the last 4 years 61ha Remove & Replant (R&R) felling, 43ha replanted with native woodland, 178ha Continuous Cover Forestry (CCF) thinning, 60ha CCF enrichment planting

The Nature Trust (TNT)

- €7.6m raised for native woodland establishment
- 366ha land acquired, 94ha planted, 50ha approved, 174ha awaiting approval, 25ha refused
- 9 native woodland planting & 4 acorn gathering events (120+ volunteers)
- €2.5m raised for peatland restoration (500ha)



Update from State Body

Project Prime - ISFF

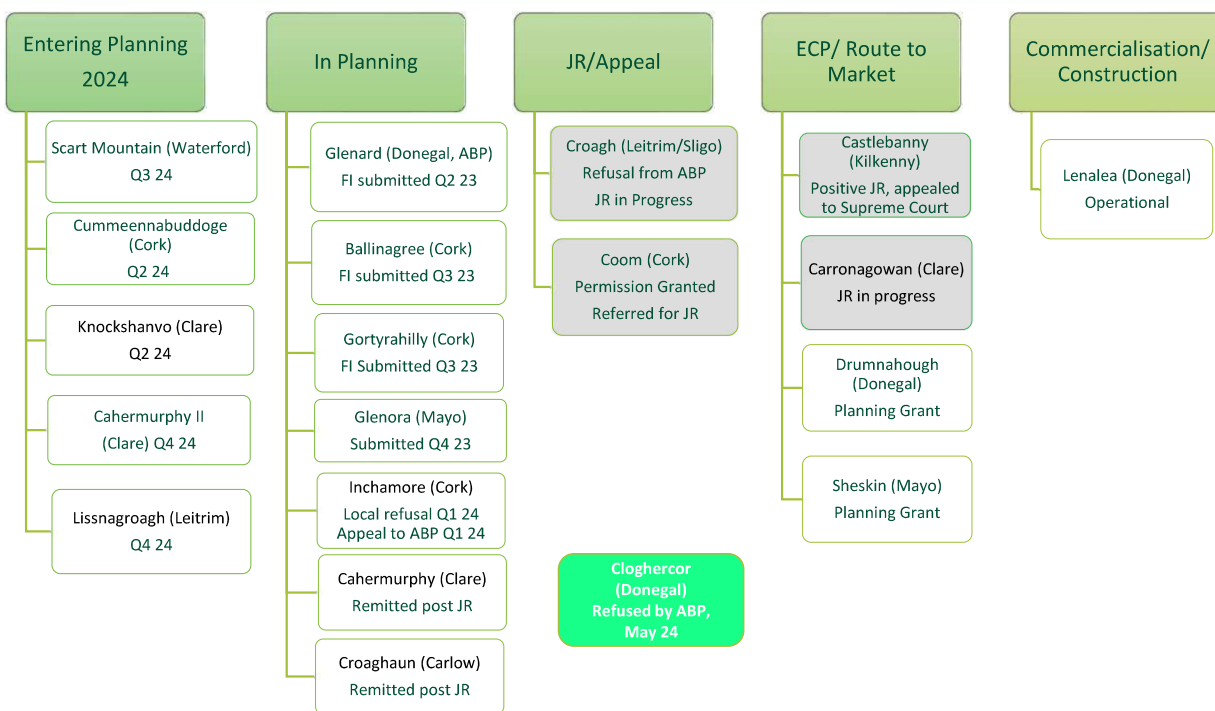


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Background

- Coillte's role in the Irish Strategic Forestry Fund is to source land for the Fund, to plant new forests and to provide forest management services to the fund
- The benefit of Coillte being involved is to ensure the forests are managed to the highest standards of Sustainable Forest Management and will be open for public access for everyone to enjoy
- The Irish Strategic Forestry Fund will provide up to €200m capital needed to create new forests
- The total area of new forest planted through this fund is targeted to be c.3,500 hectares over a 5-year period. In addition, the fund will acquire c.8,500 hectares of existing forests.
- **By the end of May 2024**, the Fund has:
 - total funding commitments of over €127m, of which [REDACTED] has been deployed to acquire over 4,900Ha of forests
- The Fund has acquired:
 - [REDACTED]
- The Fund is actively bidding on a number of other bare land properties
- **Coillte's proposed investment of €10m** continues to work through the Ministerial consent process

Update from State Body FuturEnergy Ireland (FEI) – Project progress



Overview of progress

- Lenalea now fully operational
- Seven projects remain under assessment by An Bord Pleanala, with a further 5 to 6 projects targeted for submission this year
- 4 projects remain in JR/appeals processes
- 2 projects (Drumnahough and Sheskin) are planning consented and waiting on grid
- In May 2024, the Cloghercor project received a refusal from ABP. FEI along with Orsted are reviewing the grounds before deciding on next steps.
- The Carronagowan project received a strong judgement at JR overturning the challenge, and now awaits a Court of Appeal hearing scheduled for June

Sustainability

Progress with implementations of Climate Action Framework



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Coillte has made a good progress against all Climate Action Framework's commitments with a number of actions fully met. Some actions are complex and require more time to be fully developed and implemented, e.g. Group Circular Economy Policy & Strategy. Coillte reports on its progress against CAF to NewERA twice a year

