1-Agenda

Local Forums Workshop

25-26th January 2010, Preston Montford, Shrewsbury.

Monday 25th January 2010

11.30 Registration and refreshments.

> What three resources (besides funding) would be most helpful to your local forum? Answers on post-it-notes, which will be reviewed at the end of the workshop.

12.00 Lunch

12.45 Welcome – Niall Moore, Head of the Non-native Species Secretariat (NNSS).

> - Workshop agenda.
> - Overview of the Invasive Non-native Species Framework Strategy for GB.
> - The interaction between local forums and the GB Strategy.

13.00 Introduction to the Local Action Resource Pack – Olaf Booy, NNSS.

> Demonstration of NNSS website, local action group pages and resources.

1) PLANNING, PRIORITIES AND PRACTICE.

13.30 Talk: Example from a local forum – Strategic planning.

13.45 Breakout Session.

> - How is action currently prioritised?
> - Sharing experience and examples of good management practice.
> - What should be considered when developing a local plan?

15.15 Break and refreshments.

15.45 Summary of discussions.

16.15 Talks: Two short talks from local forums.

16.35 Questions and answers.

17.00 Close.

2) TRAINING, VOLUNTEERING AND MONITORING

9.30 Introduction - Huw Thomas, Defra.

9.45 Talk: Example from a local forum - Training, volunteering and monitoring.

10.00 Breakout session.

> What information or resources are needed to assist training, volunteering and monitoring?

11.00 Break and refreshments.

11.20 Summary of discussions.

11.40 Talks: Two short talks from local forums.

> - Internet access will be available to use the new NNSS website including contributing to the projects database.
> - Leaflets, posters and the strategy will be available for perusal.

12.00 Lunch.

3) COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

13.00 Introduction – Angela Robinson, Scottish Government.

13.15 Talk: Example from a local forum - stakeholder engagement.

13.30 Breakout session.

> - How do local action groups engage stakeholders?
> - How do local action groups communicate between each other?
> - How can the Secretariat facilitate communication between action groups and between action groups and stakeholders including the public?
> - What information/resources would be helpful to aid communication e.g. stats and facts, press pack.

14.30 Break and refreshments.

15.00 Summary of discussions.

15.20 Questions and answers.

16.00 Close.