**Fairer Scotland Duty**

**Summary Template**

| **Heading** | Information |
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| Title of policy, strategy or programme | Forestry and Land Scotland Corporate Plan 2022-2025 |
| Summary of aims and expected outcomes of strategy, proposal, programme or policy | The aim/purpose of the Corporate Plan is to set out the direction of travel and priorities for Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) over the period 2022-25. The plan describes how FLS will help deliver on key elements of the Scottish Government’s purpose and outcomes in the way we manage the national forests and land.  The Corporate Plan also presents the organisation’s Vision and Mission along with five Corporate Outcomes for the organisation. |
| Summary of evidence | The evidence stage suggested that people who are at a socioeconomic disadvantage are less likely to visit the national forests and land and will therefor miss out or be unable to take advantage of the health and other benefits of visiting forests and woodland. |
| Summary of assessment findings | Key actions have been included in the plan to address socioeconomic disadvantage. One of the five corporate outcomes has been developed with this in mind:  “Everyone can visit and enjoy Scotland’s national forests and land to connect with nature, have fun, benefit their health and wellbeing and have the opportunity to engage in our community decision making.”  Actions under this outcome, with the purpose of addressing socioeconomic disadvantage include:   * Developing a strategic approach to wider participation in the management of the national forests and land * removing barriers to and actively encouraging broader participation with visits to the national forests and land by people of low socioeconomic status * enabling outdoor learning and encouraging education and community groups to make use of the national forests and land. * Empowering communities to make innovative use of the national forests and land including for social and economic recovery after the Covid-19 pandemic   Further information on the work that we do with people from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds will be included in the Corporate Plan. |
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