

Climate Change 2020 Group: Land Use and Forestry Sub Group

Peatland: Carbon Sequestration and Peatland Restoration Initiatives

Briefing on Proposed Funding Scope

SSE proposes to act in response to the report commissioned by the Land Use and Forestry sub group

The report indicates specific locations as high priorities for early action. The suitability of these areas is endorsed by IUCN. Of these, the Flow Country is given the highest priority.

SSE believe the Peatland Working Group is the best forum to coordinate and identify suitable practical early peatland projects

SSE is willing to provide a modest contribution as seed funding to PWG to assist in the development of early projects in the Caithness and Southland Flow Country. Our priority is to encourage practical restoration projects that are ready for funding and action.

PWG engages a very wide group of stakeholders, and through the Forum, an even broader range of organisations with a relevant interest.

SSE is keen to engage the involvement of a range of potential project hosts for the Flow Country.

SSE understands the PWG can act as an impartial and independent facilitator to stimulate the development of early peatland projects in that area.

Projects should share information with academic partners to facilitate building an evidence base for use by other researchers.

SSE will also evaluate practical action it may be able to take in support of projects or to explore options to share best practice.

SSE is keen to promote skills development for young people

SSE welcomes the opportunity to work with new partners and to deepen its existing relationships with organisations engaged in this important work.

In addition, it is desirable that work to make progress to identify other funders and to understand emerging funding sources for early projects will be enhanced by this seed funding. This is also being promoted by the Land Use and Forestry Group.

SSE can provide funding of £5000 now to support PWG, to be administered by Scotland's Moorland Forum.

It is anticipated our Sustainable Energy Fund will become the main source of financial support from SSE in due course, which being to be available for applications in 2013.

We would like to understand how PWG would intend to use this donation.

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