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provisional 5 year business plan targets 2003-2008

The Red Rose Forest Partnership's 40- year vision sets some baseline targets that we have been working to since 1995. However the Forest has successfully delivered outputs in many other areas. As national, regional and local policy change, so will the priorities of the Forest Partnership. The new Business Plan process looks to take these into account while continuing to deliver the headline 40-year targets.

The table below relates to the policy areas contained within the Business Plan and provisional targets. Those shown in red relate our long-term outputs for the 40- year vision and agreed with DEFRA. Those in green are those areas where partners have expressed interest. These actions and targets are seen very much as provisional and we want to firm up on them for 2004-2005.

How would you like to work with us to achieve the 2004-2005 actions and targets?

Please contact us as soon as possible to discuss your priorities, to see whether the Forest can help and how we can work together in 2004-2005 to achieve your aims.

Area	Action	Measure	2003-2004 Target	2003-2008 Target
ENVIRONMENT				
New greenspace on green and brownfield land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating well-designed large woods Small plantings, where there are significant landscape, heritage or biodiversity gains. 	Woodland planted	120 ha 30 ha	918 ha 231 ha
Improving woodland management, improving revenue funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Securing access to and good management of existing woodlands, which meet the same criteria above. Increase the uptake of woodlands in environmental certification schemes. Ensure Forest partners are aware of and claiming their full entitlement of management grant funding. Produce a blueprint specifically designed to address the development of low maintenance woodland planting schemes. 	Woodland newly coming into management Woodland area Pounds Sterling Guidance note Demonstration site	100 ha 10 ha £100K 0 0	500 ha 250 ha £200K 1 2
Biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Securing landscape, heritage and biodiversity benefits on the non-wooded parts of the Community Forest where opportunities are presented by new development or on agricultural or reclaimed land, including hedgerow restoration. 	Hedgerows created or restored Non-woodland habitat created or restored	5 km 50 ha	25 km 250 ha
Combating climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Renewables North West to promote the use of wood as a biofuel. 	Biomass event Installed equipment over 13 Kw/hr capacity	1 0	3 3
Regional parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with The Mersey and Pennine Edge Forests to establish a major Regional Park within the Mersey Belt. 	Regional Park Established	0	1
The planning process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that any review of regional and local planning guidance takes into account Red Rose Forest objectives Comment on major developing schemes to ensure maximum environmental and community gain is being achieved. 	Publications Scoping studies and planning applications	3 6	9 30
Waste, reuse and recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the use of green waste and biosolids for tree planting programmes where appropriate. Investigate and support the creation of Timber Stations. Reduce the amount of timber waste and forestry residuals that currently go to landfill. 	Area where used Timber Station feasibility study Wood residuals footprint study for Mersey Belt	4 ha 1 1	100 ha 1 1

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COMMUNITY				
Community participation in urban renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further develop greening initiatives like the Green Streets Project across the Forest area. 	New local authorities participating	1	2
Access, recreation and sustainable transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating or re-opening good quality walking/cycling/riding networks for leisure, recreation and/or commuting. 	New & upgraded multiuser routes Re-opened rights of way Non-woodland areas opened for access	5 km 5 km 75 km	25 km 25 km 375 km
Community safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disseminate good practice in relation to design and community safety. 	Strategy for dealing with motorbikes on public sites	0	1
Improving health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build on the success of the Health Walks Festival and investigate opportunities to develop further health programmes and initiatives eg BTCV's Green Gyms. 	Health Walks best practice guidance note	1	1
Social inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Securing involvement in the Community Forest by a wide range of local communities, especially those presently socially excluded from their environment. 	Events	700	3500
ECONOMY				
Improving the image, attracting investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support soft end use derelict land restoration programmes such as Newlands and Newleaf and help develop other programmes to create a more attractive environment to stimulate investment in the Forest area. 	Area restored	30 ha	500 ha
Creating local jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support training programmes as opportunities arise. 	New jobs	4	25
Timber products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support existing programmes such as the Mersey Valley Warden Service, that process and manufacture local wood products. 	Pilot new product lines	2	4
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a website to market Greater Manchester's greenspaces as part of an overall tourism destination package. 	Greenspace website	0	1
MARKETING, COMMUNICATIONS AND FUNDRAISING				
Spreading the message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce a marketing and communications strategy for the Forest. 	Strategy	1	1
Money to deliver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Securing financial and in kind support from local businesses and external sources to support major restoration and recreation projects leading to environmental regeneration and to develop a woodland economy, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsorship by local business Donations Support in kind European funding Lottery funding Landfill tax rebate Other public sector support National CF partner support Other financial support 	Total financial support secured	£3m	£15 million

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