

# Scottish Borders LBAP Partnership

## Considering the Biodiversity Priorities for SRDP 2014-20?

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# Outline for Workshop

- Introduction to Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reform – what do we know?
- Break into two groups – 1 hour: to consider what are the biodiversity objectives and priorities for the new SRDP?
- Brief feedback and next steps

# First Some Background.....

- CAP 2020 policy aims – more competitive, more environmentally sustainable, more socially inclusive
- Budget – ‘do more for less’
- Principles – better targeting, simplification, more joined up approach
- 2 year negotiation to 2014 – Scot Govt consultation soon, first ‘programme outline’ draft Spring 2012

# CAP legal proposals

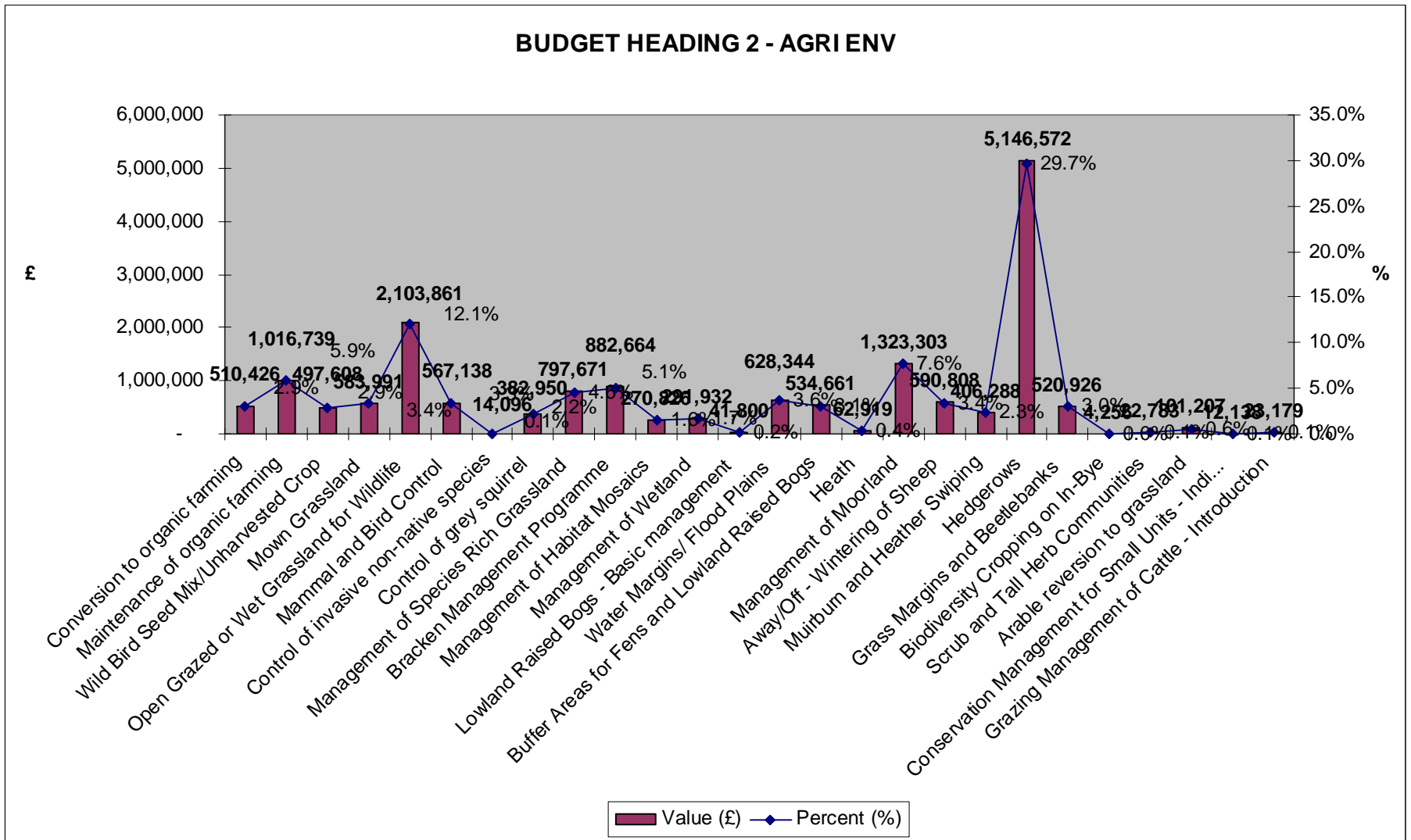
- Pillar 1 – Direct payments - new design, area based payments from 2014
- New 30% ‘Green Payment’, linked to crop diversification, permanent grassland, ‘ecological focus (7%)’
- Pillar 2 – Rural Development - new framework, 3 objectives, 6 basic priorities
- No minimum spend (with exception of 25% agri-env and 5% LEADER)

# Six New Rural Dev Priorities:

1	Fostering knowledge transfer and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas
2	Enhancing competitiveness of all types agriculture and enhancing farm viability
3	Promoting food chain organisation and risk management in agriculture
4	<b>Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems dependent on agriculture and forestry</b>
5	Promoting resource efficiency and low carbon economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors
6	Promoting social inclusion poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

# Current SRDP RP Programme:

BUDGET HEADING 2 - AGRI ENV



# Current 'Biodiversity' Priorities:

BOR8	BAP and LBAP Grasslands, Woodlands & Scrub, Peatlands & Wetlands, Freshwater, UKBAP priority
BOR9	Designated Sites
BOR10	Species Action Framework
BOR11	Invasives
BOR12	Solway-Tweed RBMP TCMP Habitat Networks

# The Group Work

- Split into 2 Groups – each focused on discussing biodiversity priorities post 2014
- Building on meeting with NGOs at Tweed Forum in August
- ‘High level’ at this point – guiding principles
- Moving towards an ‘Ecosystem approach’?



# Questions for Groups

1. What are main lessons learned from your experience of the current SRDP, and its delivery of biodiversity objectives?
2. What should the 'guiding principles' be for the design of the new SRDP?
3. What are the high level biodiversity priorities for Scottish Borders? (& where?)
4. Does an ecosystem approach help to identify these?

# Group 1 – Sam/ Katie

- Barry Prater
- Peter Norman
- Iain Laidlaw
- Sandy Maxwell
- Mike Fraser
- Andy Millar
- Ian Davidson
- Andrew Panter
- Pip Tabor
- Steve Hannah
- Derek Robeson
- Lorna Anness

# Group 2 – John/ Andy

- Maggie Magee
- Stuart MacPherson
- David Kennedy
- Liz Auty
- Elaine More
- Lesley Muirden
- Anne Brown
- James Hunt
- Natalie Harmsworth
- Graeme Wilson
- Hugh Chalmers

# Feedback – Lessons Learned

- Tension of targeting vs accessibility
- Scale of investments related to benefits
- Landscape scale projects difficult to deliver – multiple applicants
- Complex bureaucracy
- Lack of spatial targeting – ‘bang for buck’
- Lack of monitoring data

# Feedback – Guiding Principles

- Moving away from ‘short-term ism’ (GAEC link for investments)
- Continuity needed- keep best of SRDP
- Strengthen LMOs and retain competitive Rural Priorities – same principles applied to both; outcomes & results focused
- Success criteria at start
- Use existing datasets
- RP need regional budgets and decision making, but what level of region? Not one size fits all
- What size region – pilot in Borders?

# Feedback – Priorities

- Keep in mind drivers for land use change – food security, woodland strategy, climate change, and complexity of business decisions and grant incentives.....
- Focus on strengths rather than gaps?
- Focus on habitat networks – if not in priority area don't fund it & designated sites (mapping key)
- Differential rates linked to priorities
- Some difficult political decisions?

# Feedback – Ecosystem Approach?

- Yes! Helps prioritisation, but location and quality also important
- Consequences also important
- Helps identify conditions
- Helpful to see multiple benefits of investments
- Need better awareness raising & communication