

Eskdalemuir Working Group minutes

Date: 27 May 2026

Time: 10:00 – 11:00

Agenda:

- DESNZ update
- MOD update
- Scottish Government update

DESNZ Update

- The consultation period has been extended to 12 June following stakeholder feedback that additional time was needed, bringing it to a full 12-week period.
- The algorithm has now been published alongside the consultation.
- The extension should not materially affect overall timelines for the Government Response delivery milestones.
- The Science Review is progressing, with work continuing in parallel so that the final policy approach can be decided with all available evidence.

MOD Update

- MOD is currently working closely with DESNZ colleagues on the consultation, including on:
 - The consultation document content
 - Technical guidance
 - Supporting flowcharts

Scottish Government Update

- Ministerial appointments have been confirmed – Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs (Gillian Martin MSP) and Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy (Stephen Gethins MSP). Ms Martin retains responsibility for cross-government net zero policy coordination.
- Officials are planning to brief relevant new ministers on Eskdalemuir to ensure they are brought up to speed on current policy and developments.

DESNZ to organise another meeting in approx. 6 weeks.