

ANNEX 5

Explanatory Note on use of Selection Criteria in Tranche 1

OVERVIEW OF RANKING PROCESS

The primary ranking process within GLAS is through its **Tier Structure**: Tier 1 receives priority over Tier 2, which in turns receives priority over Tier 3.

Within Tiers 1 and 2, and only if necessary, there is a further prioritisation of ‘**assets over actions**’. This means that within each tier, someone with a listed environmental asset is ranked higher than someone who gains access to that tier by selecting a particular environmental action.

The third way of ranking applications is through the application of specific **selection criteria**. Under the terms of our RDP approval, all applications submitted through Tier 3 of GLAS must be evaluated using selection criteria. Applications from other tiers may also be subject to selection criteria, if it looks like demand is likely to outstrip the available funds.

For Tranche 1 of GLAS, which closes on 22 May 2015, it has been decided that selection criteria will ONLY APPLY to Tier 3 applications.

Applicants and advisors are also reminded that any Tier 3 applicant can promote themselves into Tier 2 by selecting one of the identified key environmental actions (minimum tillage, catch crops, low-emission slurry spreading or wild bird cover), provided of course that they deliver the minimum required for Tier 2 access.

THE SELECTION PRINCIPLES

Eight overarching selection principles have been agreed with EU Commission:

- Inherent environmental value of the actions chosen
- Relative environmental value of the actions to any notified themes
- Complementarity of the actions with each other
- Targeting existing environmental needs/potential of the farm
- Achieving regional balance, taking account of existing intake
- Achieving balance in holding size, taking account of existing intake
- Achieving balance in operational direction of participating holdings, taking account of existing intake
- Previous engagement in delivery of AECMs (limited to situations where it clearly adds value in achieving environment-climate objectives).

All selection principles will not necessarily apply to every tranche, and some are specifically designed for later tranches, to achieve best balance overall in the light of earlier intake.

SELECTION PRINCIPLES TO BE APPLIED IN TRANCHE 1

For this first tranche of GLAS, the following principles only will apply:

- Inherent environmental value of the actions chosen
- Complementarity of the actions with each other
- Targeting existing environmental needs/potential of the farm

Number of actions being scored

Only the top four actions will be scored. There is no benefit, therefore, in selecting multiple actions in an effort to increase the chance of being selected.

Pass Mark

Finally, a 'Pass Mark' will also apply, as is the case generally where selection criteria apply.

For Tranche 1, the Pass Mark is 16.3 which, for example, could be achieved by a farmer selecting 4ha of LIPP, 80m of new hedging and 8 bird boxes.

CALCULATING YOUR SCORE

The associated spreadsheets will allow applicants and advisors to score their own proposals and see how they are likely to rank in the selection process. Please note for ranking and selection purposes, **only 4 actions will be used**. You may of course select additional actions for payment purposes but only the 4 highest scores will count towards your score for ranking and selection purposes. A secure PDF version of the selection criteria and scores will be posted to the website, and editable versions provided to each Advisor for their own use.

| Action | | | | Targeting existing environmental need/potential of the farms | | Relative Environmental Value (linked to Thematic Objective) | | Achieving a Regional Balance | | Achieving operational Direction of Holdings | | Complementary Actions in Yellow | |
|--|-------------------------------|---|------|--|-----------------|---|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| | Intrinsic Environmental Value | | | EITHER 3,2 or 1 as outlined below | | On - insert 3 | | On - insert 2 | | On - insert 2 | | | |
| | | | | | sub total | Off - insert 1 | sub total | Off - insert 1 | sub total | Off - insert 1 | sub total | | Total Marks |
| GLAS ACTION AND COMMITMENT GIVEN | | Insert Length/Area/Units Committed to in GLAS | | | will be e1 x f1 | | will g1 x h1 | | WILL BE i1 X j1 | | WILL BE k1 X l1 | | |
| 30m Riparian Margins | 13.0 | | 0.00 | 3 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 10m Riparian Margins | 11.0 | | 0.00 | 3 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 6m Riparian Margins | 10.0 | | 0.00 | 3 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 3m Riparian Margins | 4.0 | | 0.00 | 3 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Protection of Water Courses from Bovines | 10.0 | | 0.00 | 3 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 6m Arable Grass Margins | 10.0 | | 0.00 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 4m Arable Grass Margins | 7.0 | | 0.00 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 3m Arable Grass Margins | 4.0 | | 0.00 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Wild Bird Cover | 12.0 | | 0.00 | 2 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Minimum Tillage | 12.0 | | 0.00 | 2 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | | 0.0 |
| Catch Crops | 12.0 | | 0.00 | 2 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | | 0.0 |
| Environmental Management of Fallow Land | 6.0 | | 0.00 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Coppicing of Hedgerows | 10.0 | | 0.00 | 2 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | | 0.0 |
| Laying of Hedgerows | 10.0 | | 0.00 | 2 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | | 0.0 |
| Planting New Hedgerows | 7.0 | | 0.00 | 2 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | | 0.0 |
| Planting a Grove of Native Trees | 8.0 | | 0.00 | 2 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | | 0.0 |
| Low Input Permanent Pasture/Traditional Hay Meadow | 12.0 | | 0.00 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Low Emission Slurry Spreading | 12.0 | | 0.00 | 2 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | | 0.0 |
| Traditional Stone Wall Maintenance | 4.0 | | 0.00 | 2 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | | 0.0 |
| Bird Nest Boxes | 3.0 | | 0.00 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Bat Nest Boxes | 3.0 | | 0.00 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | | 0.0 |
| Conservation of Solitary Bees (Boxes) | 3.0 | | 0.00 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Conservation of Solitary Bees (Sand) | 3.0 | | 0.00 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Protection of Monuments (Grassland) | 4.0 | | 0.00 | 2 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | | 0.0 |
| Protection of Monuments (Tillage) | 4.0 | | 0.00 | 2 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | | 0.0 |
| Traditional Orchards | 4.0 | | 0.00 | 2 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |

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| TOTAL | 0.0 |
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| Footnotes |
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| 1. Only add max of 4 actions for marks |
| 2. If more than 4 actions are chosen by farmer the GLAS Advisor <u>MUST</u> remove the GLAS Action(s) Commitment (Length/area/units) from Column D to clearly see the number of points he/she will be awarded |
| 3. Complementary Groups (A) Bird Boxes with WBC; (B) LPP/THM with Protection of Watercourses from Bovines and Riparian Margins; (C) Bees with Traditional orchards and with Arable Margins and Environmental Mgt of Fallow Land |
| 4. For Low Emission Slurry Spreading, insert a 1 if taking this as a GLAS Action. |

