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# The future of RBAPs in English agri-environment policy post Brexit

A new Environmental Land Management scheme

# This presentation will cover

1. Policy context
2. Ambition
3. Guiding themes
4. Outcome based payments fit



“It is this Government’s ambition to leave our environment in a better state than we found it.”

“We will replace BPS with a system of public money for public goods”

“I believe the most important public good we should pay for is environmental protection and enhancement.”

The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP



# Policy Context

## 25 Year Env Plan

- ELM System
- Public money for public goods
- Nature Recovery Network

## Health & Harmony Consultation

## Agriculture Bill

- 7 year transition from Direct Payments
- Powers for a new programme inc ELM and productivity

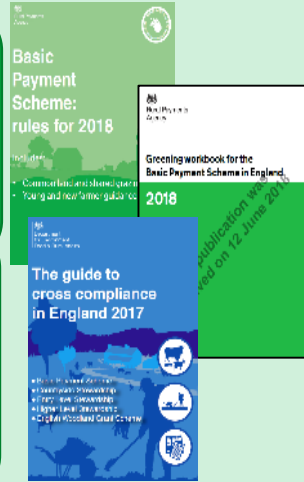
# Now = complex

## CAP Direct Payments.

87,000 farmers

### Cross Compliance and Greening:

- 13 Statutory Requirements
- 11 GAEC
- 3 crop rule requirement
- Ecological Focus Area requirement
- Protection of Permanent Pasture



+ Application and Claim Forms

Overlap of requirements issues for land managers to juggle

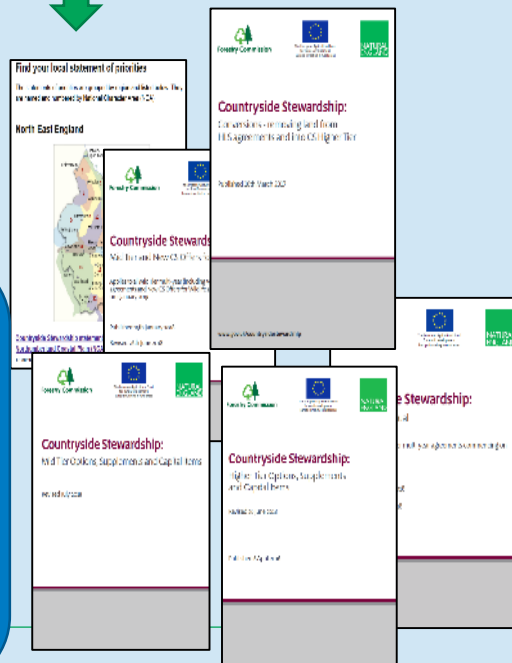
## CAP Agri-Environment

c29,600 farmers (inc those still in pre 2014 HLS)

### CS Applicants then select from:

- Mid Tier (inc 4 wildlife offers)
- Higher Tier
- Woodland Capital
- Hedgerows and Boundaries Capital
- Historic Buildings Capital
- Facilitation

=230 prescriptive (process based) options and items to select from



+ Application and Claim Forms

Annual start dates

## Future ELM

- Beyond regulation
- One, flexible contract
- One set of guidance
- c88,000 participants by 2028

# Environmental Land Management – Vision for the Future

- Cornerstone of land management policy
- Underpinned by natural capital principles
- Delivering, through land managers, the 25 YEP goals for:
  - Clean and plentiful water
  - Clean air
  - Thriving plants and wildlife
  - Reduction in and protection from environmental hazards
  - Adaptation to and mitigation of climate change
  - Beauty, heritage and engagement with the environment



# Environmental Land Management (ELM)

## A new relationship with land managers

- A contract to deliver public goods, alongside market products
- Not customers of subsidy

# A logical business choice

*“To be in the black it helps to be green”*

ELM will:

- provide a complementary or alternative income stream – it’s their choice
- show how less or ‘un-productive’ land has value to the business and the community
- encourage protection of key business assets (e.g. soil) and services (e.g. pollination)
- make a business more sustainable, resilient and profitable





**Voluntary**

**Widely  
Available**



- Deliver on 25 Year Env. Plan ambition
- Widespread uptake across all sectors
- Level of ambition = land managers choice

## Payment for outcomes

- Scope for innovation – you are in control
- Won't prescribe how to achieve outcomes



- Guidance backed by an expert adviser
- *The more you do the more you get paid*

# Values (not just £)



- ELM is exploring new valuation methodologies
- Understanding nature's role in underpinning a business, our economy and our health and wellbeing

# A Plan

This could cover

- Your land assets (natural capital)



- Your potential – agronomic and environment
- Make the most of your land, sustainably

## A more supportive approach



- Onus on land manager to demonstrate compliance
- Focus on achieving outcomes and improving quality through expert advice



## Collaboration

to enhance  
outcomes

- Potential to achieve more and earn more when acting as part of a group
- Support for Facilitation



# Admin Simplicity



- Applications must be simple....a walk in the park... with a quick response
- Regular payments.... on time

## Co-design

## Test and Trial

- Will work with land managers to test and trial ELM
- Learn from land managers
- Explore innovations, make sure they work before applying them





## Payment by Result and ELM

- Keen to build on successes of the Dales and Arable Pilots
- Defra are funding an extension
- Will explore potential for other outcomes and situations
- Aware of the challenges e.g. factors out of the land managers control
- Success criteria reliant on field measurements won't suit all outcomes.
- Will only apply results based payments after extensive co-design and *testing*



# Where might payment by result fit? (just initial ideas)

## 1. Land Management Plan (LMP)

1. Whole holding **natural capital assessment**
2. **Baseline current situation**
3. Signposts to **potential**
4. Include agronomic potential too?
5. **Expert adviser** to assist completion.



## 2. Possible, Stackable Design Elements

Facilitation Funding

Capital Grants

### Payments for Coordination

Agglomeration bonus? £+  
Outcome bonus or uplift? £+

### Parcel or feature scale Payment

### Whole area payment

### Baseline Land and Business Eligibility

A few simple criteria TBC. Unpaid.

ELM  
'Ready Reckoner'  
of  
potential  
payments

## 3. ELM Agreement

Online Amendable  
Public

ELM Knowledge Platform

# Timeframe

