

Glastir Advanced - Explanation of the Selection Process

To be considered for funding under Glastir Advanced an Expression of Interest must be submitted to the Welsh Government. All eligible Expressions of Interest received by the Welsh Government will be considered for selection.

The selection process will analyse the potential for each Expression of Interests' ability to contribute to key environmental, historic, landscape and recreational objectives of the Glastir scheme. This is undertaken by measuring the intersection of the area of land included in the Expression of Interest with a number of digital maps known as Geographical Information System (GIS) layers, covering the whole of Wales. These GIS layers inform where specific objectives of Glastir can best be delivered. For example action to support Dormice or Red Squirrels is best undertaken where there is an existing population and adjacent areas to which they might be encouraged to spread to.

Each GIS layer is given a score per hectare which is determined by Welsh Government policy priorities. The Expression of Interest is then assessed against each GIS layer. A score is allocated based on the area that intersects with the layer which is calculated using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Area of Target Objective Layer*} \times \text{Weighting of Target}}{\text{Area of Expression of Interest}} = \text{Score}$$

*within area of Expression of Interest

For example:

An Expression of Interest covering 90.24ha, of which 65.64ha fell within the Lapwing – targeted management layer which is allocated a weighting of 4 per hectare. The contribution of this objective layer to the overall score for the EOI would be calculated as follows:

$$\frac{65.64 \times 4}{90.27} = 2.9$$

The Lapwing – targeted management objective therefore contributes 2.9 points to the score for the Expression of Interest.

This calculation is completed for each objective GIS layer the Expression of Interest intersects. The scores achieved for each layer are then added together to give a total score for the Expression of Interest. An Expression of Interest which intersects with more objective GIS layers, particularly high priority layers, will collect a higher score.

The total score achieved for the objective layers is then divided by the area of the Expression of Interest. This provides the final score used to rank all the Expressions of Interest received.

All Expressions of Interest are ranked according to the final score achieved and the highest scorers will then be selected and processed.