Revised Pesticides Forum business plan for 2007

Introduction

Following the October 2006 meeting the Secretariat sought the views of members on the 2007 Business Plan, which was included in the draft of the Forum’s Annual Report (Annex D & E). This plan was expected to provide the basis for three full Forum meetings. This would be supplemented as necessary by a number of others topics which, during the year, members would ask the Forum to consider.

This paper summarises the outstanding Business Plan issues and sets out possible Agendas for 2007 which take account of these and the priorities agreed since the Business Plan was published.

The Forum’s revised priorities for 2007

- Consider whether use could be made of the agri-environment schemes to develop awareness of impacts of pesticide use; June
- Review work on the Wildlife Investigation & Investigation Scheme (WIIS) and consider whether more can be done to publicise the impacts of pesticide use; June
- continue to contribute to the development of the EU Thematic Strategy on Pesticides and the proposed Sustainable Use Directive; June
- review and advise PSD [Pesticides Safety Directorate] on the development of a research strategy to support and promote risk reduction from pesticide use; October
- contribute to the development of the national strategy on pesticides action plans covering amateur and amenity use of pesticides; October
- how can decision support systems be improved and promoted to make them more widely used; October
- Reform the Knowledge Transfer sub-group to review progress against the recommendations made in 2005; October
Review of this revised plan

This revised plan will be reviewed at the end of 2007 when a Business Plan for 2008 will be drawn up. However, it is important that members continue to bring forward ideas for consideration by the Forum so as to ensure that the agendas provide the best use of member’s valuable time and effort. Please make every effort to put forward proposals for new topics, or suggestions for the Forum to review topics considered in previous years, to the Secretariat who will do their best to work up these ideas into a workable agenda/programme.

Your assistance in this work would be very much appreciated.

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