



**HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE  
AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ARBORICULTURE AND FORESTRY ADVISORY GROUP**

**Meeting 2 May 2013**

**AFAG COMMUNITIES WEBSITES**

**Summary**

1 A review of usage of the AFAG Communities website has indicated that both sites are little used. Views are sought on the continued existence of these sites.

**Background**

2 In 2007 HSE launched two AFAG community websites. The first specifically for AFAG Members (intended for Members to exchange information, comment on papers, etc) and the second for public use (intended for exchange of information and updates on current issues).

**Issues**

3 The Members community website has not been used as intended, the last message on it being posted in 2009. Email has become the communications tool of choice.

4 Following the introduction of the revised Treework website and the Treework e-bulletin the public community website has not been kept up to date. The last addition was May 2012 and last activity logged on the site was in October 2012.

5 There are now a number of other websites where those working in the treework industry can exchange information with colleagues.

6 Both community websites are currently suspended.

## **Actions**

7 Members are asked to consider:

- Whether either or both community websites should be reinstated; and
- If it is decided to re-instate either or both, how the site(s) should be used in future

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