**Protocol for the NFU Next Generation Policy Forum**

Introduction

The NFU Next Generation Policy Forum is a group of 11 younger farming members who put forward the next generation's views on current policy developments. The group was set up in 2012 and it aims to represent all sectors. Over the past year the forum has gone from strength to strength supporting NFU lobbying at the highest levels of Government where they have met with the Secretary of State, Rt Hon Michael Gove MP as well as senior Defra officials to discuss the cornerstones of productivity and risk management of a future Domestic Agricultural Policy.

Objectives

* To help the NFU understand their younger membership both in terms of their needs from their membership and take on policy
* To help the NGPF understand the NFU, its structure and what it does for its members. In this way, we make sure that there are younger committed members who have the capability to take up elected positions in the future
* To build strong links with the National Federation of Young Farmers Club (NFYFC) and establish our presence at the European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA) to help inform the policy debate

Our expectations/Commitment

* To make a lasting difference to at least one policy area
* To represent the Forum in public events and on media appearances
* To attend the NGPF meetings and participate to the discussions via e-mail. In order to ensure the minimum level of commitment, a member who did not attend two meetings in a row would be automatically excluded from the Forum

Structure, recruitment and meetings frequency

* The Forum consists of seven elected members; each region and with permanent representation from two NFU Cymru Next Generation Forum members.
* The Forum can have up to four appointed members
* The mandate for elected and appointed members is two years
* For more information on the appointment of Forum members please refer to section 14 of the NFU Standing Orders <http://www.nfuonline.com/assets/67232>
* Meetings will take place 4 times per year, usually at NFU HQ, NFU Regions, London and BAB (if needed).

Expenses

* Members of the Forum can claim a day rate and travel expenses to attend Forum meetings and meetings where they represent the NFU Forum.
* Otherwise additional meetings will be eligible for travel costs only
* Where the Forum has opted to appoint members, expenses will be paid to all members and co-opted members and all will be paid a day rate which is currently set at £150pp.