

Title: PHC2019/07 – Expansion of PHC online Plant Health Centre Resource

Background: A previous PHC project (PHC2018/11) created an online Resource Bank for plant health threats to the Natural Environment sector in Scotland, which includes an assembly of, or signposting to, available existing resources. The PHC recognised that for the remaining three sectors (Forestry, Agriculture and Horticulture) information on plant health is more available but the quality and relevance to Scotland is often not clear. The aim of this project is to expand PHC's online resource to signpost users and practitioners to relevant and reliable information and to address a broad spectrum of plant health topics, from diagnostics and control to outreach and education for agriculture, forestry and horticulture sectors.

Impact: Expand the PHC online resource to create a comprehensive and unique signposting resource for plant health information for all sectors.

Objectives and research required for this call: compile and evaluate information sources to expand the PHC Natural Environment Knowledge Bank to include signposting to plant health information for Forestry, Agriculture and Horticulture sectors. This expanded resource will allow all stakeholders to diagnose plant health issues and take the necessary steps to implement management advice

Outputs required:

- Sector information searches and compilation of relevant resources
- Collate information and develop text for webpages
- Expand PHC online resource to include signposting to plant health information for agriculture, horticulture and forestry sectors
- Final report with 1-2 page policy summary

Indicative key dates:

- Project start: 25th November 2019
- Project start-up meeting with PHC Directorate: by mid-December
- Upload to PHC web-page: 14th February 2020

Project Duration: 3 months

Date all work needs to be completed by: 14th February 2020

Project type: Call down - collaborative

Maximum funding available (including overheads and VAT, where applicable): Indicative value <£10,000

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