

## Impact statement from Natural England

We know that for the first year immediately after the wildfire, our Area Team was allocated a full-time position at Lead Advisor level to work on the aftermath and recovery management / co-ordination. My colleague and I covered this role part-time between us. We estimate the amount of time we both spent on Winter Hill works, which is likely to be more of my time than my colleague's as I chaired the Recovery Partnership meetings and spent time on facilitating recovery through casework and projects to improve the hill / reduce future wildfires (i.e. bidding for money to undertake Sphagnum planting on UU land / feed into the large Nature 4 Climate restoration works that took place on the Smithills side of the hill). We estimate this at a further full-time position at Lead Advisor level over the following 3 years.

### Financial impact:

2018 = £26,500 for the first year (plus pension, NI, office space, IT, overheads, and other benefits)

Plus £26,500 for each year (2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022) since the fire (plus pension, NI, office space, IT, overheads and other benefits).

Total £132,500

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