

A Local Nature Partnership for Lancashire



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- Background: Biodiversity 2020 and The Natural Choice
- What is a Local Nature Partnership
- The DEFRA Local Nature Partnership Fund
- Summary of what is planned



Localism Bill

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The Bill is divided into two volumes. Volume I contains the Clauses. Volume II contains the Schedules to the Bill.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Explanatory notes to the Bill, prepared by the Department for Communities and Local Government, are published separately as Bill 126-EN.

EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Secretary Eric Pickles has made the following statement under section 19(1)(a) of the Human Rights Act 1998:

In my view the provisions of the Localism Bill are compatible with the Convention rights.

Draft NPPF



Draft National Planning Policy Framework



Natural Environment White Paper

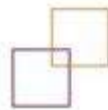
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The Natural Choice:
securing the value
of nature



The England Biodiversity Strategy

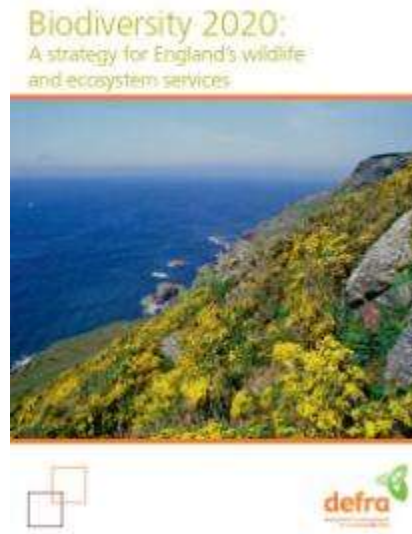
Biodiversity 2020:
A strategy for England's wildlife
and ecosystem services



Where have Local Nature Partnerships come from?

Natural Environment White Paper England Biodiversity Strategy

- Effective local partnerships: landscape restoration, catchment or coastal management, achievement of BAP and provision of green infrastructure.
- make the important links between action for nature and wider economic and community priorities.
- Need for 'widespread and joined-up partnership action'
- complement the many successful district and neighbourhood groups that are working to achieve positive outcomes at a smaller geographic scale.



Thinking Bigger

- If every household in England were provided with good access to quality green space, an estimated £2.1 billion in healthcare costs could be saved
- £1 investment in SSSIs is worth £9 of benefits to the public
- Priority conservation action through the UK BAP is worth £1.39 billion to the country
- total value of natural resources to the UK economy was over £15bn in 2007

A Local Nature Partnership is...

“These partnerships will work at a strategic scale to improve the range of benefits and services we get from a healthy natural environment. They will aim to improve the multiple benefits we receive from good management of the land.”

- They may comprise people from local authorities, businesses, statutory authorities, civil society organisations, land managers and local environmental record centres, as well as people from communities themselves.
- Local Nature Partnerships will demonstrate local leadership, raising awareness about the vital services and benefits that a healthy natural environment brings for people, communities and the local economy.

LNPs should have the following elements [DEFRA]:

- local leadership and awareness
- hold key knowledge and expertise to deliver their shared environmental vision and set of priorities
- provide input and added value through contribution to local plans and planning
- contribute to green economy and ecosystem services - possible LEP link
- bring together range of stakeholders to align efforts and make best use of resources
- co-operate with other partnerships for better outcomes
- strategic level working to deliver integrated outcomes

Once established, their overall purpose will be [1]to bring a diverse range of individuals, businesses and organisations together at a local level to [2] create a vision and [3] plan of action of how the natural environment can be taken into account in decision making.

What will LNPs do?

- local ecological networks
- supporting NIAs
- provide integrated advice to local authorities
- influence resource allocation to be aligned with locally-agreed vision and priorities
- Biodiversity Offset pilots
- champion natural value and engage communities
- make links between environment and economy and label socio economic benefits to environmental enhancement
- Plan, deliver, monitor and report on environmental outcomes
- contribute to relevant reporting mechanisms (eg BARS)
- Local participation in debates on landscape scale change

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RIBBLETRIDES

Trailing Nature In South Ribble



Lancashire,
Manchester &
N Merseyside



Self Guided Walks Through South Ribble's Natural Heritage



Inspirational business space
powered by nature

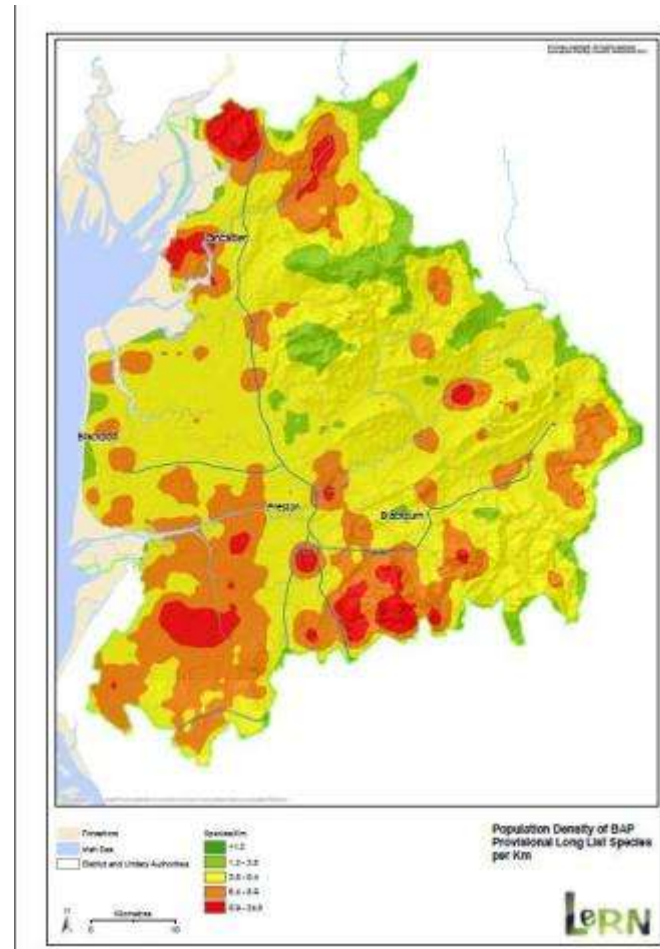


DEFRA LNP FUND should...

1. review partnerships and forums in Lancashire
2. Bring together the range of organisations interested in LNP, expand membership to reflect INTERGRATED, OUTCOME FOCUSED and LANDSCAPE SCALE DELIVERY to improve the natural environment
3. Develop a shared vision and agree the way forward
4. Develop function and form of LNP - widen participation, propose structure and manage together with engagement across agendas for collaborative working
5. Identify opportunities and outcomes, focus delivery towards landscape scale and ecosystem approach
6. Review and develop sustainable and diversified financial support for LNP into the future.

Our plans

- Lancashire wide focus
- Base around Lancashire's Environment Forum
- Engage potential membership
 - A Shared Vision
 - Priorities
 - Process
 - Resourcing
- Review forums and partnerships
- Communicate with Morecambe Bay Partnership and the Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership
- Workshop(s) in January 2012
- Possibly more in Feb on specific issues
- Formulate an integrated delivery plan for priority actions
- Set process for upcoming year



How will you affect the LNP?

What are the ambitions?

NERC ACT 2006

- Public bodies have a statutory duty to take account of conservation of biodiversity.

NPPF and input for local plans and planning

- Supports the Lawton review – ecological network, *more bigger better and joined*
- Support for ecosystem services and opportunities for biodiversity

Localism Bill

- Neighbourhood plans
- Community greenspace designation
- Right to reclaim, challenge services and right to Bid

'Communities having greater say about their environment.'

'New tools and guidance on the Statutory Duty towards biodiversity'

- Landscape scale delivery, and core of network from Local Wildlife Sites
- Local participation in debates on landscape scale change

