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Meeting: EAP Sustainable Communities

Date: Wednesday 14th June 2023

Time: 9.30 am

Venue: Virtual meeting via Zoom


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To members of the EAP Sustainable Communities

Councillor Harriet Pentland (Chair), Councillor Tim Allebone, Councillor Jennie Bone, Councillor Alison Dalziel, Councillor Dez Dell, Councillor Jan O'Hara and Councillor Roger Powell

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Minutes of a meeting of the EAP Sustainable Communities

Held at 9.30 am on Wednesday 26th April 2023 as a remote meeting, via Zoom

Present:-

Members

Councillor Harriet Pentland (Chair)

Councillor Tim Allebone

Councillor Jennie Bone

Councillor Alison Dalziel

Councillor Dez Dell

Councillor Jan O'Hara

Councillor Kevin Watt

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Catherine Clooney

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Graeme Kane

Iain Smith

Raj Sohal

Chris Wragg

Head of Economy & Strategy

Executive Director – Place & Economy

Team Leader - Environmental Protection

Senior Environmental Protection Officer

Assistant Director – Highways & Waste

Assistant Director – Regulatory Services

Democratic Services Officer

Transport Strategy Manager

Also in attendance – Councillor Graham Lawman

9 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

10 Members' Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

11 Minutes from Meeting held on 1st March 2023

RESOLVED that:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st March 2023 were agreed as an accurate record.

12 Contaminated Land Strategy and Hardship Policy

The Panel considered a report by The Senior Environmental Protection Officer, which outlined the Contaminated Land Strategy and Hardship Policy.

During discussion, the principal points were noted:

- Members queried whether there was a list of specific sites within North Northampton, which were designated as contaminated land.

- Members queried whether owners of houses built upon potentially contaminated land had been informed.

In response, The Senior Environmental Protection Officer clarified that:

- The report did not include a list of specific contaminated sites, since this information was commercially confidential. Nevertheless, each sovereign council had identified potentially contaminated sites, which had been prioritised for inspection.
- Prior to 2000, contaminated land regulations were not in place therefore, a number of houses were built on land that had not been investigated - these areas had been identified as potentially contaminated. Since 2000 almost all sites had been investigated and remediated.

RESOLVED that: The report be noted.

13 Public Space Protection Order for Dog Control

The Panel considered a report by The Team Leader for Environmental Protection, which outlined the proposed North Northamptonshire Public Spaces Protection Order 2023, regarding dog control.

During discussion, the principal points were noted:

- Whilst recognising that dog enforcement was necessary in some areas, one member emphasised the importance of exercise for dogs and suggested that 'inclusion' should also be promoted.
- Members queried whether PSPOs were effective if they were not enforced, since only six fixed penalty notices had been issued since 2021.
- Members suggested that installation of extra waste bins would encourage dog owners to clean up their pets' waste.

In response, The Team Leader for Environmental Protection clarified that:

- Patrols in areas with PSPOs were frequent and although fixed penalty notices were not always issued, advice and warnings were given to offenders. Enforcement would also be restructured across multiple teams within different directorates.

RESOLVED that: The report be noted.

14 Electric Vehicle Infrastructure and Emerging Draft EVI Strategy (to follow)

The Panel considered a report by The Head of Economy and Strategy, which outlined Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy for North Northamptonshire.

During discussion, the principal points were noted:

- One member expressed concern that on-street chargers could take space away from pedestrians areas and suggested that they be placed within islands

on roads. The member also advocated for the use of cable protectors on pavements to prevent trip hazards.

- Members queried whether lamp post charging would be free to use and if not, how it would be billed.

In response, The Head of Economy and Strategy clarified that:

- The space constraints of on-street charging would be considered. Operators offered solutions such as flush-charging, to avoid permanently installed structures on pavements.
- It was presumed that users would pay for lamp post charging.

RESOLVED that: The report be noted.

15 Update - Kettering LCWIP (to follow)

The Panel considered a report by The Head of Strategic Transport, which outlined the Kettering Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) public consultation.

During discussion, the principal points were noted:

- Members supported that consultation and suggested that public engagement would be key in promoting the LCWIP.
- One member posited that additional areas for bikes to be locked up/stored were required.
- Members expressed concern regarding the maintenance of bike paths, since certain routes were hindered by overgrown grass and hedges.

In response, The Head of Strategic Transport clarified that:

- The government process for LCWIPs was very urban-focused however the Local Authority would also seek to implement cycling infrastructure within the Ise Greenway. Active Travel England were also expected to release guidance around this.

RESOLVED that: The report be noted.

16 Sustainable Communities EAP Forward Plan

The Democratic Services Officer presented the EAP Sustainable Communities Forward Plan and clarified that the agenda of the next meeting would include the following items:

- Woodland Management Update
- Local Nature Recovery Strategy Engagement
- Carbon Management Pan Q1 Update

RESOLVED that: The report be noted.

17 Close of Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the EAP Sustainable Communities would be held virtually, via Zoom, on Wednesday 14th June 2023 at 9:30am.

Carbon Management Plan



Carbon Management plan 2022

A plan to be carbon neutral by 2030

Quarterly Performance Report 14th June 2023

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Purpose

This report has been created in conjunction with NNC's roadmap to be Carbon Neutral by 2030 and provides an overview of performance for the 82 activities (43 short, 24 medium and 15 long term) within the Carbon Management Plan (CMP) - published in Dec 2022.

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This report covers the Quarter 1 reporting period for 2023/24 (January to May).

Progress will be displayed for all 82 activities.



Introduction

Priority activities have been mapped to 8 thematic areas of focus:

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- [Carbon Sequestration & Biodiversity](#)
- [Fleet](#)
- [Highways & Waste](#)
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Further details for each area/ theme can be found in this report (by clicking on the area/ theme name above will take you to each respective page).

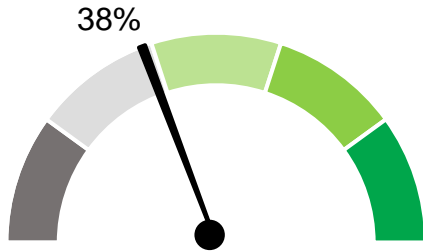
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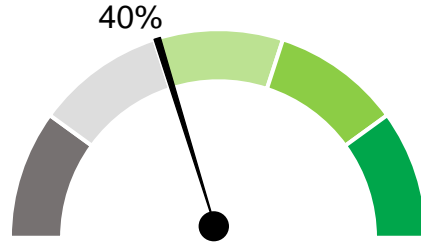
Quarter 1 - % of Activities in Progress

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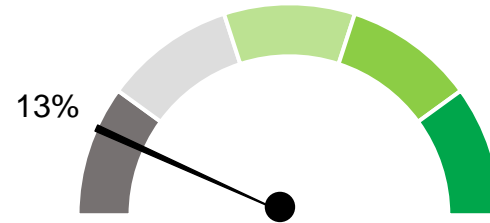
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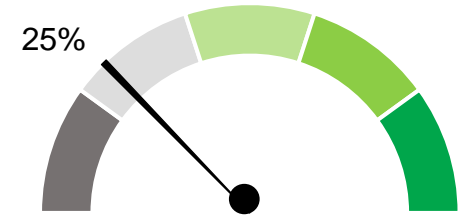
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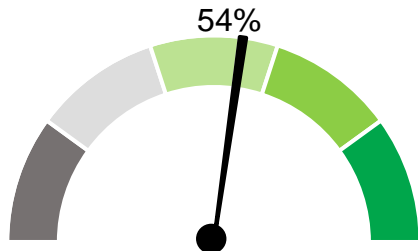
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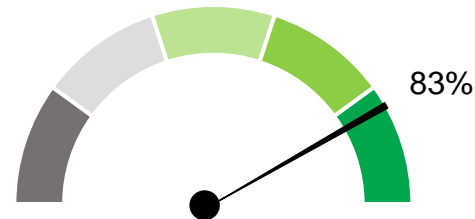
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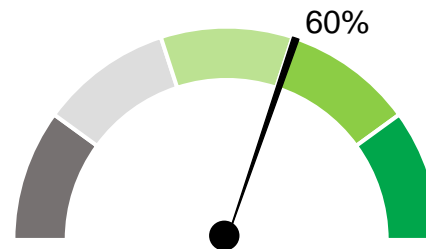
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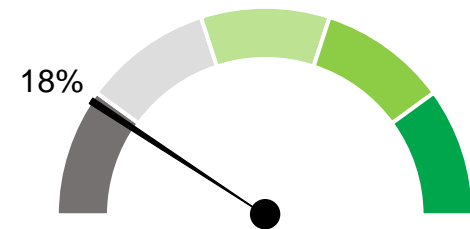
Highways & Waste



Procurement & Supply Chains



Travel



Supporting commentary

*The speedometers indicate the percentage of projects in progress for each area/ theme for short, medium and long term activities. See presenter notes below for further explanation. Please note, the colours used in the above speedometers represent our rate of progress in terms of becoming more carbon neutral as an organisation.

KPI Dashboard for Assets & Environment



	Short term activities	Medium term activities	Long term activities
Area/ theme KPIs	Activities to commence in the next 1-2 years	Activities to commence in the next 2-5 years	Activities to commence in the next 5+ years
Progress	<p>55%</p> <p>5/9 In Progress</p>	<p>0%</p> <p>0/4 In Progress</p>	<p>33%</p> <p>1/3 In Progress</p>
Exceptions (Risks & Issues)	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>

Progress Key:

- Not Started
- In Progress
- Delivered



Supporting commentary

The KPI dashboard provides a snapshot of overall progress and identifies any risks/ issues for each area and time period.

For Assets & Environment - short-term activities: 5/9 projects are in progress, indicating a 55% rate of progress; for medium: 0/4 projects are in progress, 0% rate of progress; and for long-term: 1/3 projects are in progress, indicating a 33% rate of progress.

There are **no** exceptions to report for this area.

KPI Dashboard for Behaviour



	Short term activities	Medium term activities	Long term activities
Area/ theme KPIs	Activities to commence in the next 1-2 years	Activities to commence in the next 2-5 years	Activities to commence in the next 5+ years
Progress	<p>80%</p> <p>4/5 In Progress</p>	<p>0%</p> <p>0/2 In Progress</p>	<p>0%</p> <p>0/3 In Progress</p>
Exceptions (Risks & Issues)	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>

Progress Key:
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Supporting commentary

The KPI dashboard provides a snapshot of overall progress and identifies any risks/ issues for each area and time period.

For Behaviour - short-term activities: 4/5 projects are in progress, indicating a 80% rate of progress; for medium: 0/2 projects are in progress, 0% rate of progress; and for long-term: 0/3 projects are in progress, indicating a 0% rate of progress.

There are no exceptions to report for this area.

KPI Dashboard for Carbon Offsetting



	Short term activities	Medium term activities	Long term activities
Area/ theme KPIs	Activities to commence in the next 1-2 years	Activities to commence in the next 2-5 years	Activities to commence in the next 5+ years
Progress	<p>33%</p> <p>1/3 In Progress</p>	<p>0%</p> <p>0/4 In Progress</p>	<p>0%</p> <p>0/1 In Progress</p>
Exceptions (Risks & Issues)	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>

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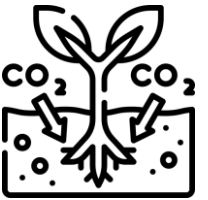
Supporting commentary

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For Carbon Offsetting - short-term activities: 1/3 projects are in progress, indicating a 33% rate of progress; for medium: 0/4 projects are in progress, 0% rate of progress; and for long-term: 0/1 project is in progress, indicating a 0% rate of progress.

There are **no** exceptions to report for this area.

KPI Dashboard for Carbon Sequestration & Biodiversity



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	Short term activities	Medium term activities	Long term activities
Area/ theme KPIs	Activities to commence in the next 1-2 years	Activities to commence in the next 2-5 years	Activities to commence in the next 5+ years
Progress	<p>25%</p> <p>1/4 In Progress</p>	<p>0%</p> <p>0/2 In Progress</p>	<p>50%</p> <p>1/2 In Progress</p>
Exceptions (Risks & Issues)	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>

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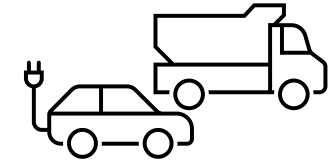
Supporting commentary

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For Carbon Sequestration & Biodiversity - short-term activities: 1/4 projects are in progress, indicating a 25% rate of progress; for medium: 0/2 projects are in progress, 0% rate of progress; and for long-term: 1/2 projects are in progress, indicating a 50% rate of progress.

There are no exceptions to report for this area.

KPI Dashboard for Fleet



	Short term activities	Medium term activities	Long term activities
Area/ theme KPIs	Activities to commence in the next 1-2 years	Activities to commence in the next 2-5 years	Activities to commence in the next 5+ years
Progress	<p>50%</p> <p>3/6 In Progress</p>	<p>40%</p> <p>2/5 In Progress</p>	<p>100%</p> <p>2/2 In Progress</p>
Exceptions (Risks & Issues)	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>	<p>No Risks/ Issues*</p>	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>

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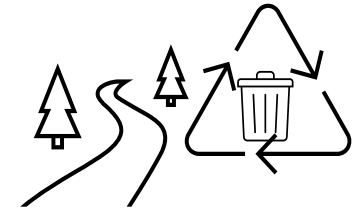
Supporting commentary

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For Fleet - short-term activities: 3/6 projects are in progress, indicating a 50% rate of progress, there is also 1 activity that is delivered; for medium: 2/5 projects are in progress, 40% rate of progress; and for long-term: 2/2 projects are in progress, indicating a 100% rate of progress.

There are **no** exceptions to report for this area.

KPI Dashboard for Highways & Waste



	Short term activities	Medium term activities	Long term activities
Area/ theme KPIs	Activities to commence in the next 1-2 years	Activities to commence in the next 2-5 years	Activities to commence in the next 5+ years
Progress	<p>80%</p> <p>4/5 In Progress</p>	There are no medium term activities for this area/ theme	<p>100%</p> <p>1/1 In Progress</p>
Exceptions (Risks & Issues)	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>	N/A	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>

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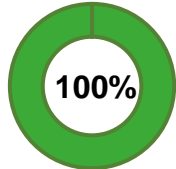
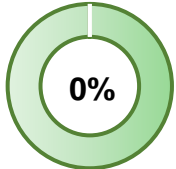
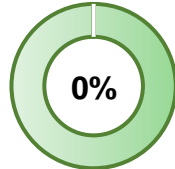



For Highways & Waste - short-term activities: 4/5 projects are in progress, indicating a 80% rate of progress, and 1 activity has been delivered; There are no medium-term activities for this area; and for long-term: 1/1 project is in progress, indicating a 100% rate of progress.

There are no exceptions to report for this area.




KPI Dashboard for Procurement & Supply Chains



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Progress	 <p>100%</p> <p>6/6 In Progress</p>	 <p>0%</p> <p>0/2 In Progress</p>	 <p>0%</p> <p>0/2 In Progress</p>
Exceptions (Risks & Issues)	 <p>No Risks/ Issues</p>	 <p>No Risks/ Issues</p>	 <p>No Risks/ Issues</p>

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For Procurement & Supply Chains - short-term activities: 6/6 projects are in progress, indicating a 100% rate of progress; for medium: 0/2 projects are in progress, 0% rate of progress; and for long-term: 0/2 projects are in progress, indicating a 0% rate of progress.

There are no exceptions to report for this area.

KPI Dashboard for Travel



	Short term activities	Medium term activities	Long term activities
Area/ theme KPIs	Activities to commence in the next 1-2 years	Activities to commence in the next 2-5 years	Activities to commence in the next 5+ years
Progress	<p>20%</p> <p>1/5 In Progress</p>	<p>20%</p> <p>1/5 In Progress</p>	<p>100%</p> <p>1/1 Delivered</p>
Exceptions (Risks & Issues)	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>	<p>No Risks/ Issues</p>

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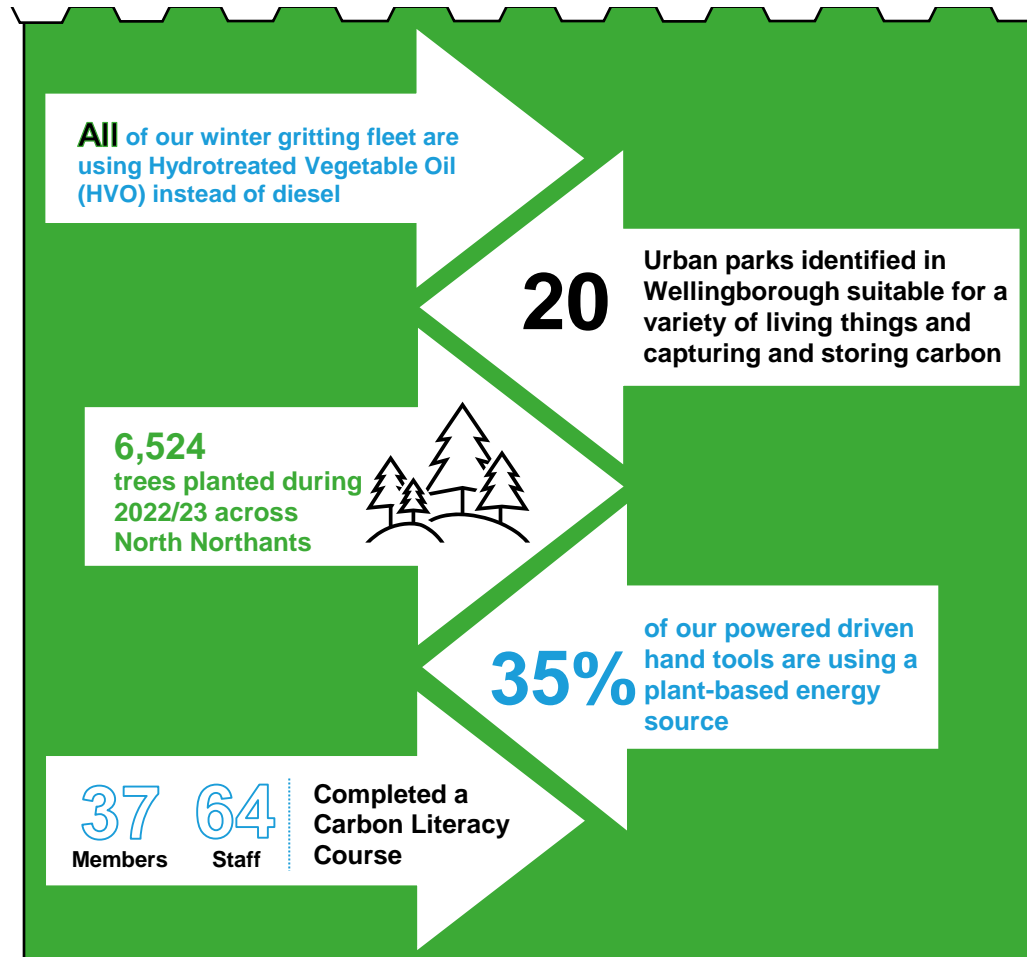
For Travel - short-term activities: 1/5 projects are in progress, indicating a 20% rate of progress, there are also 4 activities that have delivered; for medium: 1/5 projects are in progress, 20% rate of progress, 1 activity has also delivered; and for long-term: 1/1 project has delivered.

There are no exceptions to report for this area.

Our Carbon Neutral Journey

The KPI metrics below illustrate a snapshot of our achievements so far. We will build upon this list quarterly as more KPI data becomes available.

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Questions?

Please contact a member of the Carbon Management Programme Team



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Thank You!

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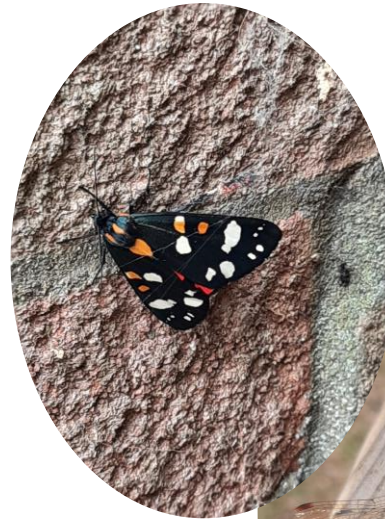
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Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Update

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**Sustainable Communities EAP
Andra Stopforth
June 2023**



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- NNC is to be the Responsible Authority
- Supporting Authorities - consult and broadly agree the contents
 - Natural England
- Work has started on some areas
- Anticipated time frame is 12 – 18 months

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Funding and Resources

- Initial **funding** has been received and a further amount is anticipated to be released soon to enable the LNRS work to progress at pace
- There is now a **secondment** in place to focus on the LNRS and the related workstream on Biodiversity Net Gain
- The **Local Nature Partnership** are working and supporting the process and partners are able to undertake specific work areas for the LNRS

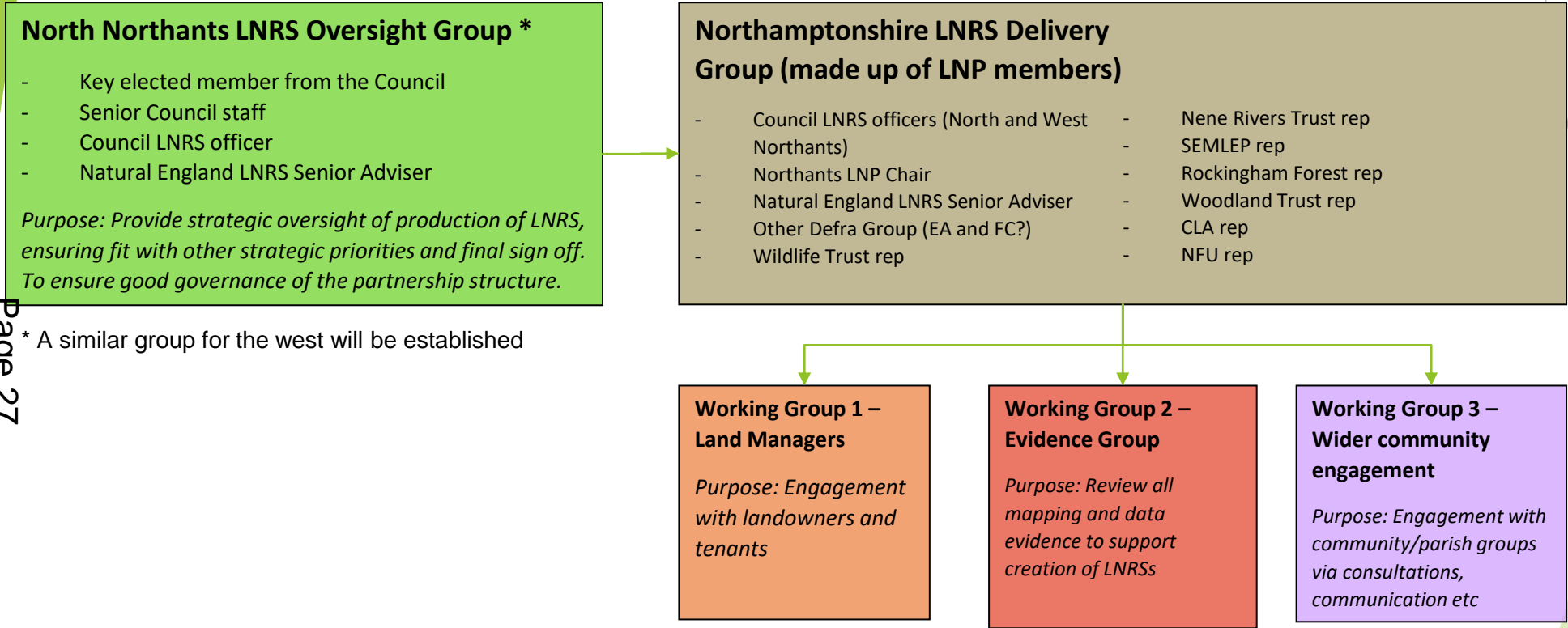


Governance

- An initial governance structure has been put in place and agreed
- Working with the West and specific working groups



Governance



* A similar group for the west will be established



Stakeholder Engagement

- Production of a Stakeholder Engagement Plan
 - Early steps with NRT and WLT
 - Stakeholders need to be identified
 - Engagement strategy for different stakeholders
 - Change over time
 - Need to consult with adjoining responsible authorities



Mapping

- There is a requirement to map areas of biodiversity importance.
 - This is prescriptive so that there is a common base across the country

Map areas that are or could be of particular importance for biodiversity following stakeholder engagement

Local Habitat Map



Documentation

- Description of the area and its biodiversity
- Stakeholder feedback
- Opportunities for recovery
- Agree LNRS priorities
- Identify potential measures

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Statement of Biodiversity Priorities



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Next Steps

- Work plan
 - Establish the governance and working groups
 - Stakeholder engagement and consultation
 - Mapping
 - Identifying priority areas
 - What aspects may need to be outsourced



Any Questions?

- Contact me at:
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Thank you



