

# Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Update

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# North Northamptonshire

- 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

## North Northants LNRS Oversight Group \*

- Key elected member from the Council
- Senior Council staff
- Council LNRS officer
- Natural England LNRS Senior Adviser

*Purpose: Provide strategic oversight of production of LNRS, ensuring fit with other strategic priorities and final sign off. To ensure good governance of the partnership structure.*

## Northamptonshire LNRS Delivery Group (made up of LNP members)

- Council LNRS officers (North and West Northants)
- Northants LNP Chair
- Natural England LNRS Senior Adviser
- Other Defra Group (EA and FC?)
- Wildlife Trust rep
- Nene Rivers Trust rep
- SEMLEP rep
- Rockingham Forest rep
- Woodland Trust rep
- CLA rep
- NFU rep

\* A similar group for the west will be established

### Working Group 1 – Land Managers

*Purpose: Engagement with landowners and tenants*

### Working Group 2 – Evidence Group

*Purpose: Review all mapping and data evidence to support creation of LNRSs*

### Working Group 3 – Wider community engagement

*Purpose: Engagement with community/parish groups via consultations, communication etc*



# 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

## Statement of Biodiversity Priorities





# 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?

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Thank you



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