

## LNRS Technical Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes & Actions

**Date:** Wednesday 22nd November 09:30-10:30

**Venue:** Via Teams

**Attendees:**

<b>Tom Burditt (Chair)</b>	<b>TB</b>	<b>Lancashire Wildlife Trust</b>
Alan Jemnett	AJ	MEAS
Andrew Clark	AC	MEAS
Chloe Boyle	CB	Marine Management
Don Thompson	DT	Mersey Environmental Trust
Emma Galbraith	EG	LCR
Eric Fletcher	EF	Record
Francesca Mancini	FM	Centre for Ecology and Hydrology
Gary Hedges	GH	Liverpool Museums
Graham Jones	GJ	CW&C
Hilary Ash	HA	NTL World
Jeremy Sutton	JS	
Joanne Doolin	JD	MEAS
Joe Phillips	JP	CW&C
Judy Clavey	JC	Forestry Commission
Katie Finkill- Coombs	KFC	Natural England
Kylee Wilding	KW	
Lesley Brockbank	LB	
Lucy Atkinson	LA	MEAS
Lucy Gibson	LG	Natural England
Luke Bentley	LB	LJMU
Natasha Murwill	NM	
Paul Corner	PC	Mersey Rivers Trust
Peter Jordan	PJ	Groundwork
Petrina Brown	PB	

Phil Smith	PS	
Racheal Jones	RJ	VCFSE Sector
Rachel Cripps	RC	Lancashire Wildlife Trust
Rachel Giles	RG	Cheshire Wildlife Trust
Rachel Waggett	RW	LCR
Richard Scott	RS	Eden Project
Samuel Gibson	SG	

## **I Welcome / Introductions / Apologies**

TB, CEO of the Wildlife Trust for Lancashire Manchester and N Merseyside, is the newly appointed chair of the technical panel for the Local Nature Recovery Strategy Advisory Board. Colin Bowe from the Nature Connected board couldn't attend the meeting, which had 33 out of over 60 invited members present. TB introduced key officers for the local nature recovery strategy—EG, RW, KFC, and Mersey Forest. The technical panel's primary role is to offer technical advice and support, collaborating with work package groups on species, mapping and data, engagement, and strategy development. TB encouraged a proactive approach, clarified that the panel won't create content but provide scrutiny, and addressed potential challenges of the group size, inviting members to communicate concerns or suggestions.

## **II LNRS Combined Authority**

RW expressed gratitude for participants' attendance, stressing the group's pivotal role in the Local Nature Recovery Strategy's (LNRS) success. She urged active participation, welcomed input, and emphasized ensuring everyone was on the same page. EG, an environment officer, detailed the LNRS's evidence-based, locally led approach, focusing on nature recovery and biodiversity decline reversal.

EG highlighted LNRS priorities, mapping valuable nature areas, and aiding local authorities in fulfilling new biodiversity duties. The strategy guides projects with a joint-up approach, aligning with local plans. The timeline for completing LNRS is March 2025, with collaboration from various stakeholders and mandatory public consultation.

EG updated on LNRS progress, including surveys, engagement efforts, and phase one mappings. The LNRS webpage and inbox for communication are active. The development timeline, species guidance, and governance structure were outlined.

KFC delved into species guidance details, emphasizing the Species Guidance's two-step process for identifying priority species. EG presented the LNRS development timeline, highlighting key milestones.

TB opened the floor for questions. Joe inquired about work package groups, and TB sought EG's perspective. AC, leading the species group, discussed plans and invited involvement. TB suggested the Technical Advisory Panel review and suggest names for the species group.

PS raised concerns about tangible on-the-ground impact, emphasizing resource needs. TB and EG highlighted LNRS's legislative backing and opportunities for funding. AJ stressed balancing strategy development with on-the-ground implementation.

TB queried species guidance aspects, emphasizing inclusivity. KFC clarified criteria and public input during consultation. LB expressed interest in contributing to baseline mapping.

TB discussed group terms of reference, inviting feedback. RW and EG assured flexibility and adaptability. AJ raised the potential for the group to reflect on the Advisory Board's terms of reference. RW shared updates, and AJ emphasized flexibility.

TB questioned the group's continuity after LNRS completion, suggesting voluntary continuation if valuable to participants.

### **III Any Other Business**

RS emphasized the importance of ambition in the region's restoration culture, noting overlaps between different groups like carbon and nature recovery. He suggested exploring opportunities such as carbon capture meadows, soil charter, waste minimization, and youth representation. TB acknowledged and endorsed the importance of ambition, urging collaboration. He welcomed RS's youth representation contact and highlighted positive developments involving young people. TB emphasized the significance of soils as a habitat, supporting the LNRS as a creative and ambitious strategy. He appreciated RS's insights, acknowledging the formal link to carbon in governance documents. RW mentioned the inclusion of co-benefits of nature in the climate action plan, aiming to underscore the natural environment's importance.

### **IV Date of Next Meeting**

TB expressed gratitude to all participants for their time and engagement in the meeting. He informed that the next meeting is set for January 15th, focusing on finalizing the terms of reference and receiving an update on the species long list. TB thanked everyone and conveyed his anticipation for collaborative work in the next 18 months to develop a strong Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS). The meeting concluded with thanks and appreciation from TB.

**Date of next meeting: 15th of January 2024 12:30-13:30**

Action Log	Owner (s)
Collect concerns or suggestions from members regarding the potential challenges of the group size.	All participants encouraged to communicate concerns or suggestions
Review and suggest names for the species group under the Technical Advisory Panel.	TAP organizers
Finalize the terms of reference for work package groups.	TAP organizers
Provide updates on the LNRS progress, including surveys, engagement efforts, and phase one mappings.	EG
<b>Invite participation and involvement in the species group.</b>	AC (Leading the species group).
Address concerns about tangible on-the-ground impact and resource needs.	TB (Chair) and EG
Reflect on the Advisory Board's terms of reference.	TAP organizers
Discuss the group's continuity after LNRS completion.	TB and all participants
Explore opportunities such as carbon capture meadows, soil charter, waste minimization, and youth representation.	RS
Establish contact for youth representation.	RS
Incorporate co-benefits of nature in the climate action plan.	RW
Finalize the terms of reference for work package groups.	TAP organizers
Provide an update on the species long list.	EG
Prepare for collaborative work in the next 18 months to develop a strong LNRS.	All participants
<p><i>Note: The listed owners are based on the roles and responsibilities mentioned in the provided information. Adjustments may be made based on the participants' preferences or specific assignments during the meeting.</i></p>	