

LNRS Technical Advisory Panel 7

Meeting Minutes & Actions

Date: Tuesday 23rd July 11.00 – 12.00

Venue: Via Teams

Attendees:

Tom Burditt (Chair)	TB	LWT
Andrew Clark	AC	MEAS
Jeremy Sutton	JS	LCR
Elina-Mariella Doss	EM	Merseyside Biobank
Stan Irwin	SI	Bat ecologist
Joanne Doolin	JD	MEAS
Michelle Whalley	MW	Mersey Forest / Nature Connected
Mike Roberts	MR	St Helen's BC
Lucy Bennison	LB	Knowsley MBC
Phil Smith	PS	UOL
Petrina Brown	PB	Environment Agency
Rachel Waggett	RW	LCR
Richard Scott	RS	Eden Project
Thomas Smart	TS	Natural England
Andrew Brockbank	TB	LWT
Hilary Ash	HA	Wirral Wildlife
Chloe Boyle	CB	Marine Management
Noemie Bonnin	NB	LJMU
Tally Anderson	TA	LJMU
Joe Philips	JP	Cheshire Wildlife Trust

1) Welcome / Introductions/Actions

TB welcomed the group to the seventh LNRS technical meeting.

- 2) **Matters arising** – Farmer engagement events – JD has been leading the development of the landowner engagement events and reminded the panel that there were two workshops running this week. These will be an opportunity to have an informal talk to farmers – about what the LNRS is and how to get more involved / what this would mean. Supper will be provided. There are still spaces on both workshops so JD requested that if any panel members know of land owners – could they circulate info regarding the events – the links to the events were put in the chat for members to circulate. A question was asked whether there would be further opportunities for farmers to engaged due to this week being particularly likely to be one that farmers will be working with haylage (due to previous bad weather etc.). JD commented that yes please pass on her details to any farmer likely to want to be know more, and encourage them to fill in the call for nature opportunities where possible. JD is happy to speak one to one with farmers and possibly run another event if lots show an interest who cant attend.

3) Final Priority List – (AC/JD)

AC and JD presented the final draft priority list.

The Chair acknowledged the great work that had gone into the final list, and noted how the comments from the panel and more broadly had been incorporated into a very concise document within a quick turn around.

The chair asked the panel if they had any comments or queries they wanted to raise.

Question; on species section with relation to bats –dark corridors is mentioned but no other actions – is there a explanation for this, and will these be new habitats created as dark corridors or existing habitats which will be made darker.

Response; Dark corridors is the action that isn't covered within other priorities / measures – (such as bat boxes). It is intended that both new and existing habitats could be made as dark corridors using various measures.

Question; Can carbon storage be mentioned as an ecosystem service for other habitats than just woodlands – e.g. meadows.

Response – as the LNRS continues to develop we hope to simplify the “WHY” section but showing icons rather than words – so all icons that are relevant to a habitat (such as carbon Capture/storage will be shown next to the habitat.

Question

Are the comments/feedback that have been made in this part of the process to be carried forward to help develop the measures?

Response

Yes – all of the comments from the panels/ and previous workshops – have been documented and will be carried forward to help shape the measures.

Case studies will be used with the document to prong the LNRS to life – this could be included within the statement of biodiversity priorities section.

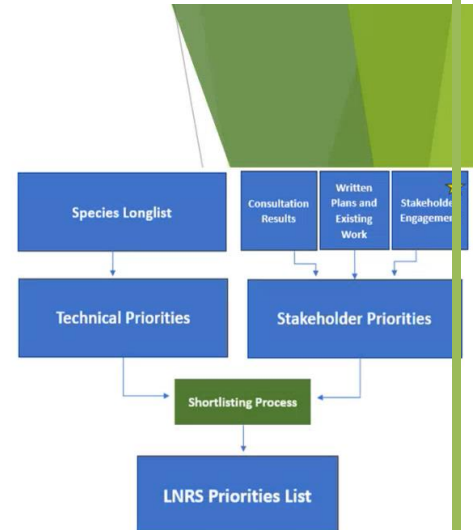
At this point, the chair asked the panel if they were happy to ratify the final version of the Priorities. All of the panel members were happy to do so and the Final priority was accepted and approved by the panel

4) Measures/Mapping – update – (AC/ED)

AC and ED provided an update on the next step of the process which will be the measures – and how these are being developed. The working version of the measures spreadsheet was shared on screen for members to see how it is progressing and the following slide was shared to ensure the definitions and process was understood.

LNRS Priorities and Measures

- ▶ Priorities are defined as: *“The end results the strategy is seeking to achieve”*
- ▶ These are Aspirations for different habitat types that were written following stakeholder and public engagement.
- ▶ Potential Measures are defined as: *“Specific practical actions to achieve priorities”*
- ▶ These are suggested activities that, if done properly, will help to deliver the priorities



- 5) Natural England update (national context) – (TS) TS provided an update on the national context of the LNRS, referencing the legal requirement checklist the national team will be using in order to give the sign off for the LNRS.

6) **Next steps (RW)** – As the panel would have noted, there is a ramping up of work over the coming weeks and the panel will be asked for comment increasingly. Just a note to say, comments are welcome in every format, so please do reach out to a member of the LNRS team if you cannot attend a meeting or follow a particular request for comment as they would not want miss out on any.

7) **Date of next meeting 10th September – 10am – 11am**

Action Log	Owner (s)
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
Incorporate co-benefits of nature in the climate action plan.	RW
Group to be updated when items are uploaded to specific websites	MW
Mersey Forest to explore ways of helping to provide updated ancient woodland inventory for Cheshire.	SG

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