

## LNRS Technical Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes & Actions

**Date:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 11.00 – 12.00

**Venue:** Via Teams

**Attendees:**

<b>Tom Burditt (Chair)</b>	TB	Wildlife Trust
Andrew Clark	AC	MEAS
Andrew Brockbank	AB	Countryside Manager
Ayla Paul	AP	Wirral Council
Dan Foy	DF	Stantec
Emma Galbraith	EG	LCR
Elina-Mariella Doss	EM	Merseyside Biobank
Hilary Ash	HA	NTL World
<b>Issac Lees</b>	IL	Natural England
Joanne Doolin	JD	MEAS
John Entwistle	JE	LJMU
Judy Clavey	JC	Forestry Commission
<b>Joe Philips</b>	JP	Cheshire Wildlife Trust
<b>Jeremy Sutton</b>	JS	RSPB
<b>Kate Martin</b>	KM	National Trust
Michelle Whalley	MW	Mersey Forest
<b>Michael Forty</b>	MF	Environment Agency
Noemie Bonnin	NB	LJMU
Petrina Brown	PB	Environment Agency
Phil Smith	PS	UOL
Rachel Waggett	RW	LCR
Richard Scott	RS	Eden Project
<b>Peter Jordan</b>	PJ	Groundwork
<b>Thomas Smart</b>	TS	Natural England
<b>Luke Bentley</b>	LB	MEAS

## I Welcome / Introductions/Actions

TB welcomed the group to the fourth LNRS technical meeting.

### 1) Species long list /shortlist- (update) – Andrew Clark / Jo Doolin- (MEAS)

- Longlist / shortlisting is in its final stages(as previously mentioned, the botanical and invertebrates lists have taken longer but working together with a sub group of the species technical group has enabled the further development of both lists–Jo to share with group once finalised.)
- Two habitat workshops have been held – one in person and one online - both went well, the notes and findings of the workshop are currently being written up, this will help form habitat assemblages etc – all of the workshop notes and findings will be on the LNRS LCR website. Panel members are still able to upload comments to the online whiteboard – Jo will circulate the link.
- One of the next steps is Priority setting which will be done in conjunction with the responsible authority, This will include looking at wider factors such as urgency of action / existing initiatives / deliverability -
- A matrix will be developed as part of the priority setting– so that each shortlisted species / assemblies can be weighted- the method of the development of this matrix is very important, and broad considerations are being taken into account – the draft matrix will be circulated to the group.

### 2) Opportunity mapping update –

A final draft for review of the method statement has been issued to the responsible authority (LCRCA)for review which has been accepted The responsible authority have commended the work of MEAS and LJMU on development of the methodology making note that many partners have been consulted in its development. LCRCA are currently working on a schedule of deliverables.

AC went through the final draft methodology ( with a note that comments and tweaks are still welcome but wholesale changes can't be made at this point due to time restraints).

Timescales –

At the time of writing, LNRS timescales for completion of 'Develop local habitat (opportunities) map' task are by 23 August 2024. Development and mapping of measures is required by 28 June 2024. Additionally, a potential opportunity to identify up to 5 locations for National Highways and Network Rail green crossings has been

raised. A business case of species, habitats and what sites would benefit from interventions, including methods used to identify locations is required by 31 May 2024.

*A question was asked by the panel how the LCRCAs call for sites for the LNRS will fit with local authority call for sites ( a recent example being Sefton BC put out a call to partners for habitat improvement sites).*

This was answered – that an ongoing dialogue between the CA and local authorities with regards to this work and aligning the delivery of the LNRS with local plans will be an essential part of its successful implementation.

More broadly it was discussed that the call for sites will take a three tier approach - Landowners will be asked to submit potential opportunity gain sites, other stakeholders will be asked to submit current projects that are ongoing or planned that links could be made with and in addition the public will be asked to submit sites they have an interest in (for example action they would like to see there). The LNRS team will be working with their internal engagement team to use “Citizen space” which will enable all of the information to be gathered and utilised effectively.

### 3) LNRS Data Standards and Guidance Update – Tom Smart – Natural England.

TS provided a presentation which covered;

- Terminology (Must, Should, Could)
- Data must be shared in an editable format and sharable under Open Government Licence
- Data Standards Advice
- APIB's = Areas of particular Importance for Biodiversity.
- ACB'S = Areas that could become of particular importance.
- Mapping of Measures Guidance
- LHM Schematic
- Bridging National Infrastructure – (call for green bridges)

Please email Tom Smart with any questions [Thomas.Smart@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:Thomas.Smart@naturalengland.org.uk)

Date of next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

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
Information from the two workshops to be uploaded to the LCR website and link sent	JD

*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.*