

WENP Work Programme 2018/19

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West of England Nature Partnership
Joining up the dots for nature

AREA	OUTCOME	ACTIVITY	LEAD	STATUS
Restoring nature Identify and prioritise the needs for the restoration of the natural environment in the West of England, strengthening and securing nature at a landscape-scale	Collate, increase and expand our environmental evidence base to enable informed decisions to be made relating to the natural environment, supporting an ecosystem service approach	Environmental Data Review	HE	Independent review & WENP position paper complete. Decisions with funders
		Review current environmental evidence system in West of England and best opportunities to optimise		
		State of Environment Dashboard <i>(State of Environment Working Group)</i>	AC	To reconvene group pending outcomes of environmental data review
		Identify priority indicators and develop plan for publicly accessible State of Environment report / live dashboard		
Work at a landscape-scale, by building cross-sector partnerships to secure direct benefits for the environment, local people and the economy		Ecological Networks <i>(Landscapes and Networks Working Group)</i>	IB	Mapping in progress
		Develop spatial vision for functional ecological networks ('Nature Recovery Network') to inform WoE GI Plan and inform wider engagement		
		Pollinators	HE	
WoE strategy for more joined-up landscape implementation				
		Bristol Avon Catchment Partnership	RC	Ongoing
Spatial planning Through high level engagement with decision makers and strategic planners, ensure our outstanding natural environment is at the heart of regional planning decisions and recognised as a key asset of the region	Provide a joined up point of consultation, by providing decision makers with the analysis and evidence required to make informed decisions relating to the natural environment when making regional planning decisions	Joint Spatial Plan	LA	Submitted to Inspector
		Continue to positively input into JSP process to ensure sufficient weighting is given to the natural environment		
		Local Plans	UAs	Ongoing
		Positively input to ensure sufficient weighting is given to the natural environment		
		West of England Green Infrastructure Plan	LA	In progress, reviewing evidence
		Support development of Plan through evidence, identifying priorities and development of mechanisms		
	Develop an effective, resource efficient and accountable mechanism to respond, and	Responding to major planning applications	HE	Ongoing

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	challenge where appropriate, to major planning applications and decisions			
Health and wellbeing Facilitate greater awareness of the benefits the natural environment provides to our health & wellbeing to all levels of society	Work to influence decision makers and inform strategic health strategies about the value of nature for health & wellbeing, and the potential cost saving results	Strengthen links with HWBs and NHS	HE / MS / CL	Statement of Intent being shared with HWBs
		Green Care Strategy group	HE	Task-finish group focus on strategy to mainstream green care
		Mapping accessibility to green space	HE	In progress
	Provide a joined up point of contact for those involved in nature based health care, to facilitate a network of people committed to sharing best practice, skills & exemplar projects	Practitioner Forum Strengthen and develop good practice links between health, social care and nature partners	HE	Ongoing
Economic development Secure investment to drive positive outcomes for the restoration of the natural environment, recognising that nature underpins our economy and societal wellbeing	Drive more and better investment in natural capital	Natural Capital Trust Develop NCT concept and work to embed in WoE to drive more and better investment in natural capital, including more effective mitigation spending through development	HE	Reframe as 'Integrated Environmental Mitigation' and corporate investment
		Corporate Engagement – Landscape Enterprise Network Better understand regional economy reliance on natural assets and improve corporate engagement to identify opportunities for innovative finance and building economic resilience	HE	Securing funding
Working together Facilitate the restoration of the natural environment through effective multi-sector working and transformational change. Actively promote and communicate the value of the natural environment to all stakeholders	Improve and build cross-sector partnerships, by bringing together the right stakeholders to result in positive outcomes for the natural environment	WENP governance review	SG	Complete
		Board representation Ensure LEP and Infrastructure Advisory Board are updated on WENP activities and the correct communication mechanisms are in place to create a two-way dialogue	LA	Ongoing
		LNP network	HE	Ongoing
		Working across other partnerships	All	Ongoing
	Implement a communications strategy to inform and educate new and existing stakeholders about the work of the WENP,	Website, newsletters and social media Annual Forum	HE	Ongoing Postponed to early 2019

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	providing transparency through a variety of communication methods	Annual Review	HE	Planned for September