

# Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire

## Supporting Authorities Group

### Terms of Reference

1. To provide an officer group that will enable the involvement of the supporting local authorities in the preparation of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire.
2. To contribute through the Group's Chair (or Deputies as appropriate) to the work of the LNRS Steering Group on making proposals for drafting the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire.
3. To contribute through the Group's Chair (or Deputies as appropriate) to the work of the LNRS Advisory Board on its recommendations to Derbyshire County Council's Cabinet on how to fulfil its responsible authority role in relation to the preparation of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire.
4. To co-ordinate briefings with elected members of the supporting local authorities during the preparation of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire and to collate feedback from these briefings that will aid the preparation of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire.
5. To act as a forum for discussion between the supporting local authorities in relation to the preparation of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire.
6. To spread awareness of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire and share progress updates throughout the respective represented local authorities and organisations.
7. To collate relevant inputs to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire from the respective represented local authorities and organisations.
8. To relay requests for reviews and approvals of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire at key stages, seeking advice from colleagues or partners where appropriate.
9. To seek to achieve the organisational support of all of the supporting local authorities for the final version of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire.

### Membership

1 designated officer each from each supporting authority:

- Amber Valley Borough Council
- Bolsover District Council

- Chesterfield Borough Council
- Derby City Council
- Derbyshire Dales District Council
- Erewash Borough Council
- High Peak Borough Council
- North East Derbyshire District Council
- South Derbyshire District Council
- Peak District National Park Authority
- Natural England (also representing the Environment Agency & Forestry Commission)

### **Appointment of Chair and Deputies**

The selection of the Chair and up to two Deputies will be made from the Group's designated officers, with candidates nominated by at least one other designated officer.

Where there is a majority for one nominated designated officer for the role of Chair and Deputies, they shall be appointed to those roles for the period of the preparation of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire unless they stand down or a subsequent appointment process is instigated.

In the event of a joint number of nominations for the role of Chair and Deputies, appointments to the role shall be made by a blind vote where each designated officer has one vote.

### **Working Arrangements**

The Group will meet every two months through a virtual or an in-person meeting.

During the interim at least one supporting authorities meeting will be held, without agenda, to encourage free and open discussion between attendees in the absence of responsible authority representation. These interim meetings will be optional.

The Group will receive secretariat support from the Derbyshire County Council Local Nature Recovery Strategy Officer and will ensure that:

- all Supporting Authorities Group meeting agenda papers are published 5 working days in advance of the meeting;
- draft minutes of Supporting Authorities Group meetings are published within 10 working days following the relevant meeting;
- final minutes of Supporting Authorities Group meetings are published within 5 working days following approval of the Supporting Authorities Group members.

## Derbyshire County Council LNRS governance model

