

Local Nature Recovery Strategy

(LNRS)

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The Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

- The Environment Act 2021 introduced LNRSs' as a **Statutory Requirement**. Essex County Council are the **Responsible Authority** appointed to deliver the LNRS on behalf of Greater Essex.
- Essex County Council set up and launched a **Local Nature Partnership** in Essex, in March 2022, with one of the primary aims of the partnership being to support the delivery and implementation of the LNRS.

The Essex Local Nature Partnership (LNP)



Increase Natural Green infrastructure from 14% to 25% by 2030.



50% of farms to be using sustainable farming practices by 2030.



1 in 4 people taking action for nature by 2030.



Access to high quality green space for all by 2030.



Nature Crisis

Why is the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) important; Why Now?



Loss of Species



Loss of Habitat



Increased Fragmented habitat



Biodiversity Net Gain

“The species extinction crisis we face – is undermining the productivity, resilience, and adaptability of nature – this in turn, puts our economics, livelihoods and wellbeing at risk.”

Dasgupta Review

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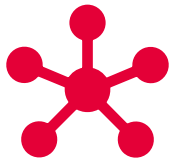
What is the LNRS?



Environment Act 2021 → Statutory Requirement → ECC Responsible Authority

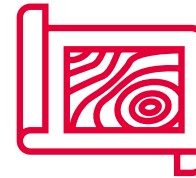


Local Nature Partnership → Partnership working → Stakeholder engagement



Nature Recovery Network → 48 LNRSs across England → System of spatial strategies

What will the LNRS do?



Map existing spaces for nature & areas of importance for biodiversity



Map key areas for opportunities for nature recovery and outline biodiversity priorities for Essex



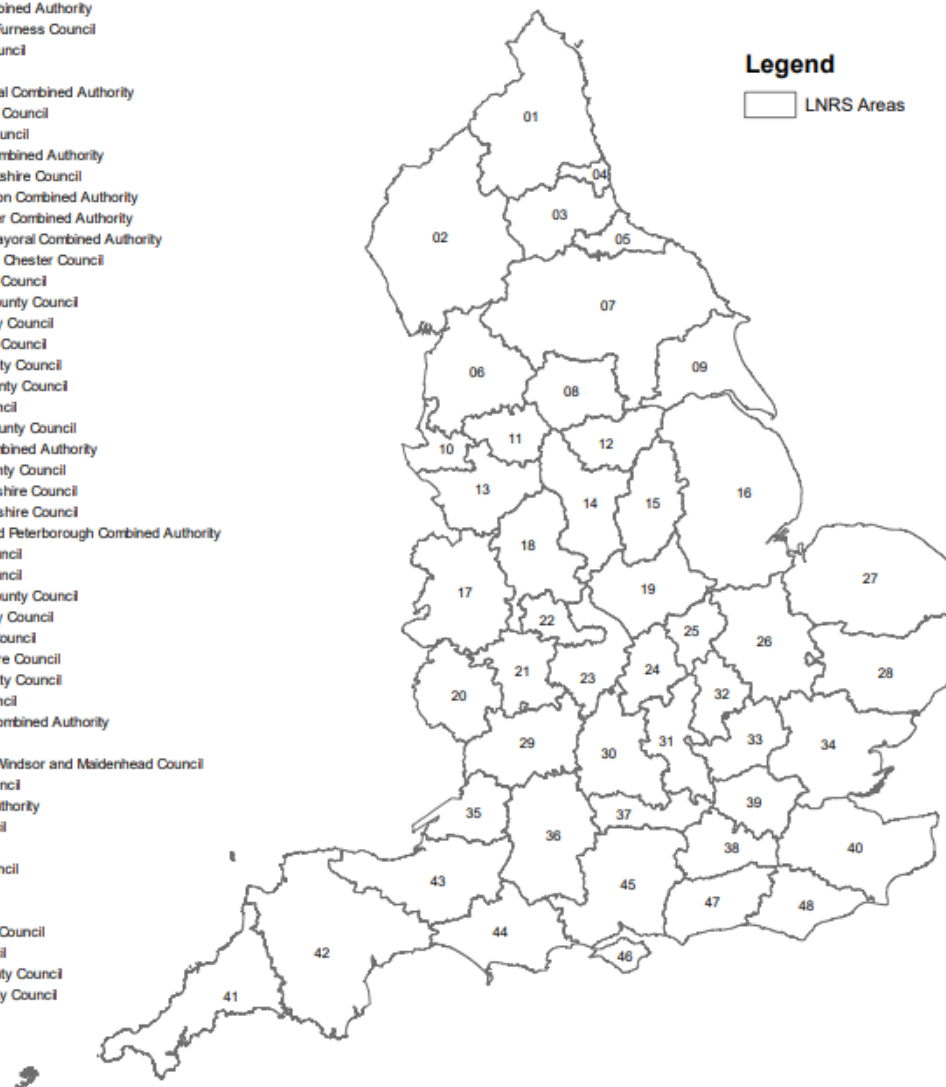
Drive directed change on the ground for nature recovery



Coordinate environmental investment → a tool to deliver off-site Biodiversity Net Gain

Map of local nature recovery strategy (LNRS) areas and responsible authorities

LNRS ID	LNRS name	Responsible authority
01	North of Tyne	North of Tyne Combined Authority
02	Cumbria	Westmorland and Furness Council
03	County Durham	Durham County Council
04	South of Tyne and Wear	Gateshead Council
05	Tees Valley	Tees Valley Mayoral Combined Authority
06	Lancashire	Lancashire County Council
07	North Yorkshire and York	North Yorkshire Council
08	West Yorkshire	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
09	Hull and East Yorkshire	East Rding of Yorkshire Council
10	Liverpool City Region	Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
11	Greater Manchester	Greater Manchester Combined Authority
12	South Yorkshire	South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority
13	Cheshire	Cheshire West and Chester Council
14	Derbyshire	Derbyshire County Council
15	Nottinghamshire and Nottingham	Nottinghamshire County Council
16	Greater Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire County Council
17	Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin	Shropshire County Council
18	Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent	Staffordshire County Council
19	Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland	Leicestershire County Council
20	Herefordshire	Herefordshire Council
21	Worcestershire	Worcestershire County Council
22	West Midlands	West Midlands Combined Authority
23	Warwickshire	Warwickshire County Council
24	West Northamptonshire	West Northamptonshire Council
25	North Northamptonshire	North Northamptonshire Council
26	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
27	Norfolk	Norfolk County Council
28	Suffolk	Suffolk County Council
29	Gloucestershire	Gloucestershire County Council
30	Oxfordshire	Oxfordshire County Council
31	Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes	Buckinghamshire Council
32	Bedfordshire	Central Bedfordshire Council
33	Hertfordshire	Hertfordshire County Council
34	Greater Essex	Essex County Council
35	West of England	West of England Combined Authority
36	Wiltshire and Swindon	Wiltshire Council
37	Berkshire	Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Council
38	Surrey	Surrey County Council
39	Greater London	Greater London Authority
40	Kent and Medway	Kent County Council
41	Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly	Cornwall Council
42	Devon	Devon County Council
43	Somerset	Somerset Council
44	Dorset	Dorset Council
45	Hampshire	Hampshire County Council
46	Isle of Wight	Isle of Wight Council
47	West Sussex	West Sussex County Council
48	East Sussex and Brighton & Hove	East Sussex County Council



Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)



May 2022: Local Nature Recovery Coordinator Appointed.



April 2023: LNRS Working group meetings restarted, and the delivery structure and timeline was agreed.



Summer 2022: Local Nature Partnership's LNRS Working Group Formed.



May 2023: 1-2-1 meetings with Supporting Authorities. Habitat specific subgroups formed.



September 2022: Mapping sub-group formed.



June 2023: Detailed engagement with mapping provider and subgroup meetings.



December 2022: LNRS meetings paused but data gathering and work 'behind the scenes' continued.



July - August 2023: Mapping work commences. Sub-group meetings continue. Engagement specialist. LNP Board Meeting.

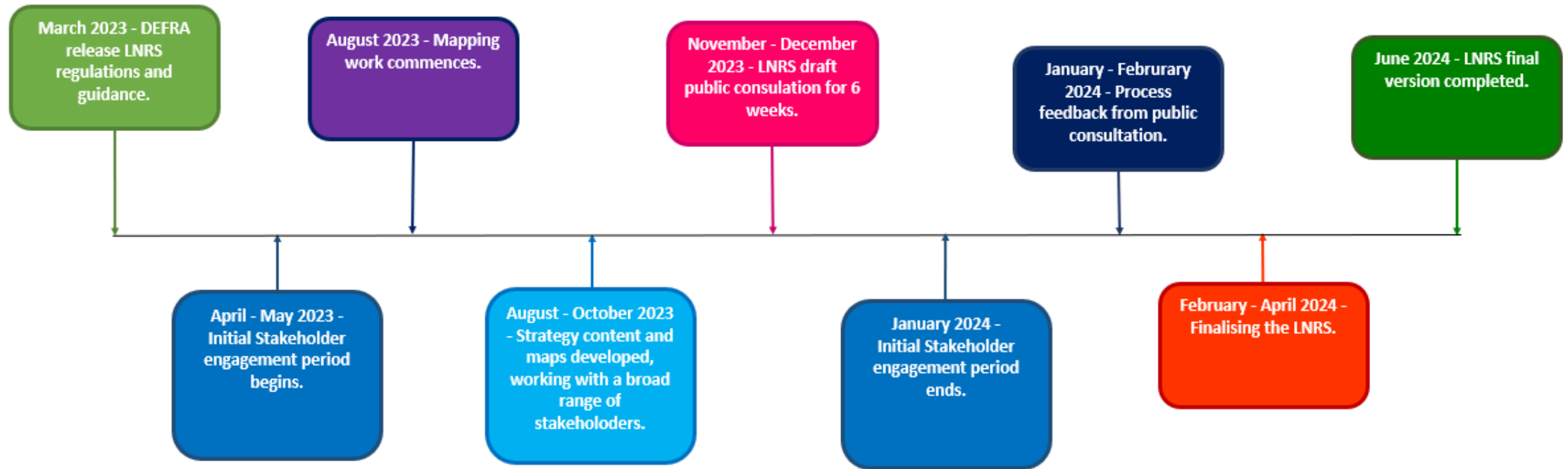
LNRS Delivery Structure

LNRS Delivery Structure Diagram



LNRS Timeline

Local Nature Recovery Strategy Timeline 2023 - 2024



LNRS: Next Steps

- Stakeholder engagement continued following engagement plan
- Farmer & Landowner engagement
- Ground Control – LNRS mapping
- Strategy Content developed – biodiversity priorities / potential measures

Thank you

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