



The establishment of Local Nature Partnerships are a key commitment in the Government’s Natural Environment White Paper: ‘The Natural Choice – securing the value of nature’ (2011) which sets out policy on a range of issues in relation to the natural environment and emphasises the economic and social benefits it provides.

In 2012 the Hull and East Yorkshire LNP was successful in achieving formal Government status as one of a network of 48 LNPs across England.

LNPs work strategically to help their local area manage the natural environment. They aim to make sure that its value, and the value of the services it provides to the economy and the people who live there, is taken into account in local decisions, for example about planning and development.

Our vision is to work together throughout the Hull and East Yorkshire area to achieve a healthy natural environment and sustainable green economy, within our valued and distinctive landscapes, for the benefit of present and future generations.

The LNP is a strategic partnership that can change the way we work and build a successful sustainable future for the area by creating a positive dialogue about the natural environment. It will help partners to help each other or work together, to make it easier for each of them to achieve the things they want to achieve, and unlock our natural potential by:

Recognising Opportunity	Inspiring Others	Creating Ownership
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Our task is to take a strategic role in setting out how the natural environment is managed whilst promoting its value to social and economic outcomes in the Hull and East Yorkshire area.

We want to do this through strengthening local action to improve the natural environment. We will work with key stakeholders and collaborate with decision makers such as the Local Enterprise Partnerships, Health and Wellbeing Boards, Local Authorities and the business community.

Our aims

We will work to maximise gains for the natural environment which also create benefits for people and the economy.

1. Supporting sustainable development

- Developing the role that the natural environment plays in local economies.
- Guiding strategic planning through our role under the Duty to Co-operate within the Town and Country Planning Regulations.

2. Promoting the value of and benefits from the natural environment

- The natural environment mainstreamed in decision making.
- Promoting the health and wellbeing benefits from the natural environment.
- Promoting the role of the natural environment in meeting the challenges of climate change.

3. Supporting the delivery of a healthy, functioning natural environment

- Contributing to sustainable land, sea and coastal management.
- Enhanced Green Infrastructure working at a landscape-scale.
- Finding alternative ways to manage water through the natural environment.

The LNP brings together a range of organisations, sectors and partnerships to give one voice to the natural environment. Sustainable economic growth relies on the resources and services provided by the natural environment and in this way the LNP is pulling in the same direction as business to create jobs and investment.

The LNP can change the way we work and build a successful sustainable future for the area by creating a positive dialogue with the private sector to overcome local barriers and enhance benefits to business. To do this we need to work together and recognise that the natural environment is not a constraint on growth but provides new opportunities and valuable benefits.

For further information on the Local Nature Partnership or to discuss how to get involved with our work, please email the LNP Development Officer at sustainable.development@eastriding.gov.uk or call 01482 391715.