

Memorandum of Understanding
Between the Organisations forming the Board of the North East England
Nature Partnership

Purpose of Memorandum

The purpose of this Memorandum is to underpin the development of the North east England Local Nature Partnership (LNP). The Memorandum is in place to guide the organisations, and their nominated Board members, that are coming together to create a board to develop the environmental vision and priorities for action of the LNP. The organisations and their nominated Board members are listed below:

Organisation	Name
Banks Group	Philip Baker
City of Sunderland Council	Daniel Hattle
County Durham Local Access Forum	Geoff Hughes
Durham County Council	Stuart Timmiss/Steve Bhowmick
Durham Wildlife Trust	Jim Cokill
Environment Agency	Graeme Warren
Forestry Commission	Richard Pow
Frank Knights	Mike Young
Gateshead Council	Neil Wilkinson
Groundwork North East	Kate Culverhouse
Health representative	Alice Welsh & David Gardiner
Heritage Lottery Fund	Ivor Crowther
Intimation Creative Design	Andy Smith
Landowner representative	To be determined
National Trust	To be appointed
Natural England	Glyn Bateman
Newcastle City Council	Prog E Milne
North East Local Enterprise Partnership	James Davies
North Tyneside Council	To be appointed
Northumberland County Council	Mark Ketley/ David Feige
Northumberland Tourism	Jude Leitch
Northumberland Wildlife Trust	Mike Pratt
Northumbrian Water	To be determined
Rivers Trust	To be appointed
RSPB	Amanda Miller
South Tyneside Council	Andrew Whittaker
Woodland Trust	Richard O'Callaghan

The Memorandum sets out matters of agreed principle and policy, reflecting the spirit of co-operation between the parties, but it is not intended to be legally binding. The parties involved may, but are not obliged to, enter into separate formal legally binding agreements in relation to their various joint activities, which will fully document the rights and obligations on each side.

Aims

The organisations and their nominated Board members listed above agree in good faith to work together to:

- develop an environmental vision for the LNP;
- devise prioritised actions intended to deliver the LNP vision;
- deliver, where appropriate, activities designed to fulfil the environmental vision of the LNP;
- promote the work of the LNP to the widest possible audience;
- encourage others, whether within their own organisation or outside agencies and individuals, to deliver activities designed to fulfil the environmental vision of the LNP.

Commitment

In order to achieve the desired aims the organisations listed above commit to:

- abide by decisions made by the LNP Executive and Board;
- provide a nominated Board member who will be responsible in practice for ensuring effective liaison with the LNP preserving the underpinning principles outlined here and maintaining an overall perspective on developments initiated through this Memorandum;
- ensure that all activity is conducted in an orderly manner, reflects the strengths of the parties, and where possible is complementary, drawing on their respective missions and corporate plans;
- meet further commitments specific to their organisation (if any) as identified in the appendix to this document.

General

- The parties shall be entitled to use the name and logo of the LNP in order to facilitate delivery of the aims and commitments proposed by this Memorandum.
- This Memorandum shall expire on the date that is 5 (five) years after the date of execution, but may be terminated earlier than that date at any time by any party upon the giving of 12 (twelve) week's written notice to the others.

- Nothing in this Memorandum is intended to or shall be deemed to establish an exclusive relationship between the parties or to restrict any activities that either party would otherwise be able to undertake. Nothing in this Memorandum is intended to or shall be deemed to establish any partnership or joint venture between the parties or constitute any party as an agent of the other party.
- The terms of this Memorandum may be amended at any time by agreement in writing between all the parties.
- The parties irrevocably agree that this Memorandum and any disputes arising under or in any way connected with the subject matter or formation of this Memorandum shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. Each party submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales in relation to any disputes or other matters arising out of or in connection with this Memorandum.

Signed on behalf of.....

Signatory.....

Print name.....

Date.....