Briefing Note: North of Tyne Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

Background: The Government has committed to reversing habitat and species decline across England, with the Environment Act 2021 requiring the development of Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) in every area. These strategies will set out priorities and actions for nature recovery, including a habitat map and a biodiversity statement. Further information can be found here.

North of Tyne LNRS Area: Northumberland County Council is leading the development of the North of Tyne LNRS. We cover Northumberland, Newcastle upon Tyne, and North Tyneside. We are in collaboration with Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland National Park Authority, and Natural England.

Engagement and Consultation: While ecological experts are leading the LNRS, input from farmers, landowners, and the wider community is essential. The North of Tyne area is divided into seven zones for discussions with land managers, with detailed maps and brochures available here.

Key Engagement Activities

Farmer and Landowner Survey: A survey is open until early October for farmers and landowners to share their views on nature recovery. Access the survey here.

Focused Meetings:

- Newcastle, North Tyneside, SE Northumberland: Workshops in September and October will focus on planning, development, and biodiversity net gain.
- North Northumberland Coast & Druridge Bay: Evening meetings in partnership with the Northumberland Wildlife Trust to discuss the Nature Recovery Plan.

Additional Events: We will also attend existing local events, including the Autumn Town and Parish Council Conference "market stalls" on 3rd October. Full details of events can be found <u>here.</u>

Call to Action: We kindly request that Councillors encourage farmers and land managers within their networks to participate in the survey or contribute their ideas through one of the upcoming events, via email, or by contacting the provided mobile number.

Next Steps: A draft LNRS will be released for consultation in Spring 2025, with the final version expected by Summer 2025.

Your support in promoting engagement with this important initiative is greatly appreciated.

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