

Strategic Management Plan 2016/17



Green	Good progress or action completed
Amber	Acceptable progress, some issues but still within tolerance
Red	High risk of action not being completed
Blank	Action not started

Priority	Action	Lead (for reporting; actions will be co-delivered)	Timescale	Outcome	Measure	RAG rating
1. Set strategic direction for conservation and enhancement of the natural environment; early input and integration into strategic planning and significant proposals/policy	1.1 Ensure that KNP vision and priorities are widely understood and integrated into key strategic documents, planning and policies as appropriate.	KNP Coordinator	Bi-annual review of key strategies Ongoing	The natural environment is integrated into key strategies and decision making throughout Kent and Medway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual review of key strategies and policies 	
	1.2 Provide strategic direction and steer to natural environment activities within the Kent Environment Strategy implementation plan	KNP Board Members (influencing) KNP Coordinator (monitoring and reporting)	KES implementation plan completion – Summer 2016 Annual review	The Kent Environment Strategy implementation plan identifies the Kent Nature Partnership's priority activities; the deliverables for the Partnership are achievable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of KES to ensure natural environment is adequately incorporated Annual monitoring and evaluation of activities related to natural environment 	Actively engaged in development of the implementation plan
	1.3 Increase and monitor take up of the KNP Consultation Protocol to inform local plans and other strategic planning... Develop awareness and training as appropriate across partner organisations. Ensure that it is relevant and current.	KNP Coordinator KNP Board (influencing)	Review of uptake – June 2016 and then on an annual basis Briefing sessions April to Aug 2016	The KNP Consultation Protocol is informing and influencing planning decisions across Kent and Medway to deliver natural environment outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual review of uptake with LPAs Provision of briefing sessions to increase uptake and awareness 	Protocol has been reviewed in light of comments from East Kent GIS Group. All LPAs aware of the document and recently Ashford sent through a completed self-assessment form

	1.4 Natural Capital valuation and toolkit for Kent and Medway, to inform strategy policy across the county and create natural capital investment plans which deliver green growth.	Rural & Green Economy Group	Bid to LEADER – May/June 2016 Contract awarded to consultants July 2016	An evidence base developed for all natural capital assets Kent and Medway’s Natural Capital assets integrating their value and contribution to environmental, economic, health and social outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valuation of natural capital report produced. Natural Capital Toolkit Recommendation for 1st NC Investment Plan 	Production of bid to LEADER delayed. Estimated delivery time now Aug/Sept
	1.5 Develop clear actions for increasing use and access (if relevant) to natural greenspace in areas of high physical inactivity using the data from the report on provision of natural greenspace in areas of low levels of physical activity	Health & Nature Group	TBC	Action plan produced and being implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs assessment report published. Action plan developed and being implemented 	Report provided clear recommendation WG needs to prioritise what to do next- A T&F group has been set up to put together a research bid
2. Promoting the Natural Environment White Paper and Biodiversity Strategy 2020 aims and visions at a Kent level	2.1 Implement Biodiversity Opportunity Areas (BOAS), ensuring that they provide a spatial framework for KNP targets and provide training to priority stakeholders in how to utilise them	Habitat Improvement Group	Training – December 2016 Ongoing	Stakeholders are aware of and understand BOAS and are integrating the targets into strategy and decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roadshow delivered across all LPAs to train in use of BOAS Annual review of uptake with LPAs and integration into decision making 	Training has taken place for districts in East and West Kent. Currently planning a session for North Kent.
	2.2 Review recommendations for Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) selection and provide annual Single Data List reports to Defra	LNP Board (endorsement) MWG (review and recommendation) KNP Coordinator (reporting)	LWS – quarterly Single Data List - annual report	New sites (or amendments) assessed by the Board quarterly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of sites endorsed Number of site in positive conservation status Single Data List 	LWS amendments and designations regularly reviewed by the Board. KWT campaigning for LWS to be included in SS. SDL report will be submitted in Sept
	2.3 Identify potential area(s) to establish ecological networks and associated funding opportunities, supporting action as appropriate.	Chair of Habitat Improvement Group (id area) Chairs of KNP Management Working Group (Funding opportunities)	Dec 2016	Areas to support ecological networks are identified and resource identified through external funding opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area(s) and resources identified and projects supported 	Selection process for new project area delayed.

3. Establishing a working relationship with key partnerships, including the South East Local Enterprise Partnership and the Kent and Medway Economic Partnership	3.1 Develop (and deliver) an engagement plan for SELEP and KMEP in order to be in a position to advocate the KNP vision and identify synergies through which the strategic priorities for the natural environment can be realised.	LNP Board Members	Engagement plan June 2016 Delivery of plan ongoing	Improved communication with the LEP and KMEP and key synergies identified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at meetings and identified opportunities for co-delivery 	Delayed
	3.2 Ensure on-going partnership working with other LNPs in the area, sharing learning and opportunities as appropriate	KNP Coordinator Chair of Habitat Improvement Group	Ongoing and through meeting attendance	LNPs are sharing learning and working together as appropriate to improve natural environment outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at meetings and identified opportunities for co-delivery 	Ongoing dialogue with LNPs in the SE
4. Ensuring an effective and broad partnership, monitoring progress and celebrating success	4.1 Delivery of KNP Business Plan 2016-19 <i>(more detailed actions to be included once delivery plan has been developed)</i>	KNP Board	TBC	The KNP has adequate and ongoing resources to continue to influence and deliver positive outcomes for Kent and Medway; funding is secured for 2017-18.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level of core funding secured 	
	4.2 Establish on-going monitoring of progress to ensure value and celebrate success Use and appropriate monitoring and reporting system, (e.g. the Biodiversity Action Report System) to obtain overview of project work across Kent and progress towards KNP Biodiversity targets	KNP Coordinator Habitat Improvement Group- KMBRC	Annual review BARS report every quarter	The KNP is evidencing outcomes for the natural environment across Kent and Medway and is kept up to date on projects contributing to the priorities of the Partnership to inform future direction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BARS report Annual monitoring of this plan Annual review of KES 	Trainee appointed to track project activity and progress towards Kent BS 2020
	4.3 Development of full communications strategy to support delivery of KNP Business Plan and enlist new partners Widely promote activities and opportunities through www.kentnature.org.uk and key delivery partners.	KNP Coordinator Chairs of Working Groups	June 2016 Ongoing	Countywide awareness of KNP and its work. Increased membership including organisations from the private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication strategy Hits on KNP website Public perception survey linked to KES Number of new partners 	Twitter account set up and active. E-bulletin issue quarterly. Website regularly updated.
	4.4 Organise KNP Conference	KBP Coordinator	June 2016	Wider partnership fully aware and engaged in KNP activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting delivered 	Completed.