

# Introduction to Cumbria LNRS Pilot Scheme

## Stakeholder engagement event

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- What is the Pilot scheme about
- What is the purpose of a LNRS
- What should the LNRS contain
- Steps in the Pilot process

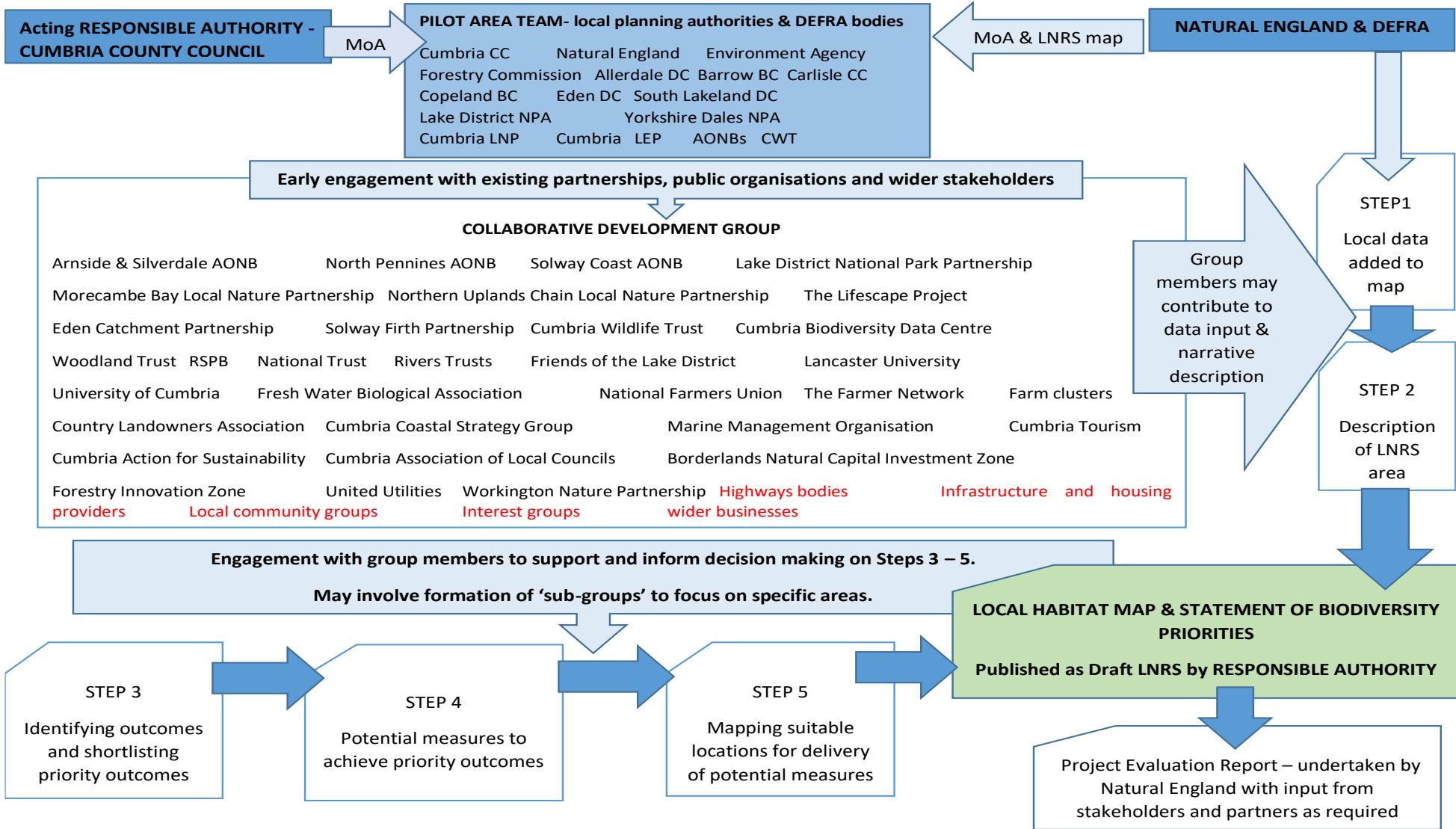
# The LNRS Pilots

- **5 LNRS Pilots launched**
  - Buckinghamshire, Cornwall, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Northumberland
- **3 key objectives**
  - Test the end-to-end process for LNRS preparation and publication
  - Produce prototype LNRSs
  - Test how the prototype LNRS sits within the local context and, in particular, other local environmental spatial frameworks

# LNRS Pilots (cont.)

- £145k DEFRA funding to CCC as Responsible Authority
  - To be spent on producing the LNRS document not for projects on the ground
  - Covers staff resources, data and mapping, communications, engagement tools and facilitation
  - Collaborative working and engagement – testing how and when the LNRS engage and involve the wider group of stakeholders to build wider support and agreement on the LNRS product is a key priority for the Pilot Programme

**CUMBRIA LNRS PILOT – METHOD OF DELIVERY**



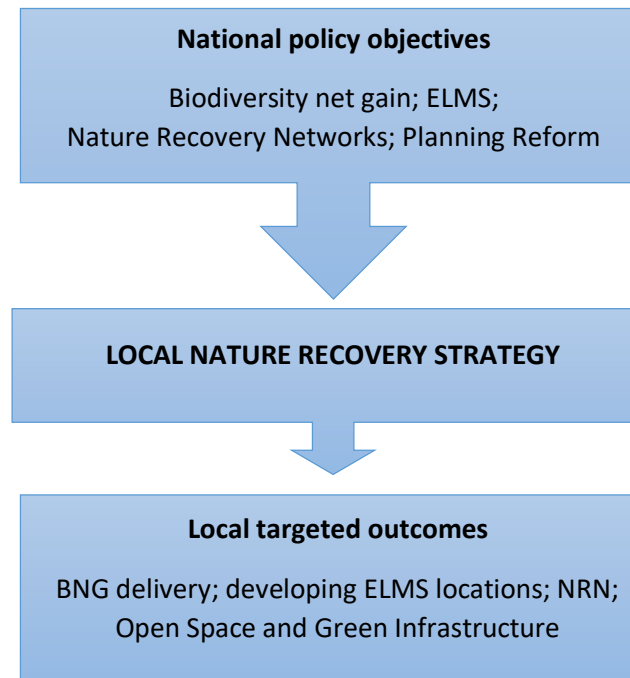
# Legislative context for LNRS

- 25 Year Environment Plan (2018)
  - Nature Recovery Networks. Bigger, better and more joined up spaces for wildlife through changes in land management
- Environment Bill 2020
  - New stat duty for LPAs to deliver Biodiversity Net Gain and produce Local Nature Recovery Strategies

# What is the purpose of a LNRS

- A spatial targeting tool
  - Strategic document to guide delivery of national policy objectives at local level
  - Prioritising nature conservation objectives based on wider public benefits

# Local outcomes for national policies





# What should a LNRS contain

## Statement of Biodiversity Priorities

- Description of the area and its existing biodiversity
- Opportunities for recovering or enhancing biodiversity
- Priorities for habitat and species recovery/enhancement
- Potential measures to achieve these priorities

## Local Habitat Map

- Existing national conservation sites
- Local Nature Reserves
- Other areas considered to be important locally
- Areas where recovery or enhancement would contribute to other environmental benefits

# LNRS Pilot Steps and Timetable

Stage	Sept-Oct	Nov-Dec	Dec-Jan	Jan-Feb	Feb-March
Step 0 – DEFRA group provides map (data sources!) for each LNRS area					
Step 1 – locally held data is added to the map, including locally identified wildlife sites					
Step 2 – description of LNRS area, including its key habitats; assess sub-areas and potential opportunities to create or improve them.					
Step 3 – Identification of outcomes and establish priority outcomes					
Step 4 – potential measures to achieve priority and other outcomes					
Step 5 – mapping suitable locations for delivery of potential measures					
Statement of Biodiversity Priorities					

# Local Habitat Map – baseline data (Step1)

- National designated sites and Priority Habitats
- County Wildlife Sites
- Local Nature Reserves
- *Other areas considered to be important for biodiversity*

# Description of area (Step 2)

- Describe the current biodiversity characteristics of the area
- Consider reasons for past decline and pressure on future enhancement
- Think about the potential for different nature recovery outcomes across the area

# Agreeing Priority Outcomes - Steps 3

Working with the wider stakeholder groups to -

- Identify long list of nature conservation outcomes
- Establish priority outcomes (Step 3)
  - *What do we collectively think are the most important outcomes to focus on first*
  - *What will these outcomes achieve – what is the wider benefit*
  - *What can be realistically achieved in the next 5 years*

# Potential measures and suitable locations (Steps 4 and 5)

- Decide potential measures to achieve outcomes (step 4)
  - *how can partners help deliver outcomes*
- Agree suitable locations for delivery of measures (Step 5)
  - *Building on the baseline map to produce a Local Habitat Map which can be used by landowners, developers and local authorities to direct investments and deliver priorities*

# Any questions?

- Please feed any questions and suggestions back
- We will keep you informed with regular updates

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