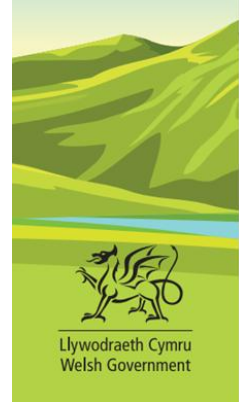


Deep Dive Designated Landscapes Working Group

Terms of Reference



Status

The Designated Landscapes Working Group reports to the Core Biodiversity Deep Dive Group, which reports to the Minister for Climate Change.

Purpose

Focused on Recommendation 3 of the Biodiversity Deep Dive ‘**Unlock the potential of designated landscapes (National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty) to deliver more for nature and 30 by 30**’.

The principal purpose of the group is to take forward and implement the action plan developed by the Designated Landscapes, NRW and Welsh Government.

The group will undertake this work with reference to the targets contained within the post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, especially Target 3 which seeks to:

*‘Ensure and enable that by 2030 **at least 30 per cent** of terrestrial, inland water, and of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, are **effectively conserved and managed** through **ecologically representative, well-connected and equitably governed systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures**, recognizing indigenous and traditional territories, where applicable, and **integrated into wider landscapes**, seascapes and the ocean, while ensuring that any sustainable use, where appropriate in such areas, is fully consistent with conservation outcomes, recognizing and respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, including over their traditional territories.’*

The remit of the group is to:

1. Help steer the implementation of the Designated Landscapes Deep Dive action plan, finalised in March 2023.
2. Provide a strategic steer for the development of a coherent, evidence-based approach to prioritise nature recovery work by the 2 strategic leads within all eight Designated Landscape bodies by the end of 2024, and for their embedding in strategic management and implementation from that point onwards.
3. Provide a strategic steer for bodies tasked with realigning Designated Landscapes priorities to enhance and accelerate nature recovery delivery, supported by updated policy, resources and guidance to build capacity and expertise and to target activity.
4. Explore ways for key bodies such as NPAs, AONBs, NRW, WG and Local Authorities to improve joint working to accelerate delivery.





5. Recommend any additional strands of work required to accelerate delivery.
6. To provide clear advice to Welsh Government and others on the resource implications of implementing the Action Plan.
7. Agree reports and updates for the Biodiversity Deep Dive core group.
8. Carry out proactive stakeholder engagement.
9. Ensure alignment with other Biodiversity Deep Dive activities, including those relating to Protected Sites, Evidence and monitoring, and Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) and Nature Recovery Exemplar Areas (NREAs) Expert Working Groups.
Ensure consideration is given to the Management guidelines for IUCN category V protected areas of which all National Parks and AONBs in Wales are categorised.

Membership of the group

The chair of the group is agreed by the Minister of Climate Change and is Howard Davies.

Secretariat will be provided by Ruth Lovell and Elinor Roberts of Tirweddau Cymru – Landscapes Wales, supported by Tom Cosson, Welsh Government.

Policy officers will be Tom Cosson, and Emma Story and Tom Johnstone, shared DL Nature recovery officers.

Members should have sufficient expertise, knowledge and capacity to allow rapid and robust development of the outcomes.

Additional specialist expertise may be brought in as and when required including eNGOs, Stakeholders may also be invited to participate in the group, including the network Wales Environment Link (WEL).

Name	Organisation	Accepted?
Howard Davies	Chair and Expert Adviser	✓
Keith Davies	Designated Landscapes, NRW	tbc
Carole Rothwell	Designated Landscapes, NRW	✓
Jim Latham	Nature, NRW	✓
Emma Story	Eryri NPA / Shared DL Officer	✓
Tom Johnstone	Bannau Brycheiniog NPA / Shared DL Officer	✓
Anna Jones	Pembrokeshire Coast NPA / Shared DL Officer	✓
Rhys Owen	Eryri NPA	✓
Paul Sinnadurai	Bannau Brycheiniog NPA	✓
Michelle Webber	Pembrokeshire Coast NPA	✓
Andrew Blake	Wye Valley AONB	✓
Graham Berry	CRDV AONB	✓
Llyr Jones	NAAONB	✓
Tom Cosson	Welsh Government, Designated Landscapes	✓
Simon Pickering	Welsh Government, Designated Landscapes	✓
Steve Spode	Welsh Government, Ecosystems	✓
Karen Stothard	Welsh Government, Biodiversity	✓
Kate Frawley	Welsh Government, SFS	tbc



Ruth Lovell / Elinor Roberts	Tirweddau Cymru – Landscape Wales: Secretariat	✓
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Ways of Working

These will be aligned to the Five Ways of Working outlined within the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act.

- Work collaboratively across organisations, and with other stakeholders and sub-groups;
- In proposing future actions and solutions, take account of relevant evidence and/or identify any key evidence gaps in respect of uncertainties;
- Seek to achieve integrated long-term solutions and take account of the short, medium and long term consequences of actions;
- Work with integrity and respectfully challenge each other to consider how we can do things differently/better; and
- All outputs and recommendations from this group should be justified by reference to a sound evidence base or draw attention to the limitations of the evidence where this not available.

Meeting arrangements (incl. Timing)

Meetings will be held online using Teams or on occasion, face to face.

Meetings should take place every month and should fit with the reporting deadlines and schedules of the Core Biodiversity Deep Dive Group.

Proposed agenda items and papers should be sent to the Chair and Secretariat two weeks prior to the meeting. The agenda and papers will be sent to the group one week prior to the meeting.

The Secretariat will circulate the draft minutes within two weeks of the meeting.

The group will maintain a risks and issues log in line with arrangements as followed by the Core Deep Dive Group.

Any decisions or issues the group cannot resolve should be escalated to the Core Deep Dive Group.

Responsibilities and Reporting

The chair will report to the Core Biodiversity Deep Dive Group on a quarterly basis, and feed into the six-monthly reporting schedule.



Members are there to proactively develop joint solutions for the good of the wider sector in Wales rather than simply to represent the interests of their own organisation.

Members are expected to be proactive in keeping their own and other organisations updated on progress of the group, and to make links with other working groups as appropriate.

Members are expected to take on and progress agreed areas for action within their own organisations rather than simply fulfilling a reporting/advisory role.

