

Recruitment of a Political Representative onto the Board of the River Wye Nutrient Management plan

The Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) for the River Wye is a multi-agency initiative aimed at improving and maintaining the water quality in the River Wye along its entire length in both England and Wales. The River Wye is a European Site, designated as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), and is therefore afforded the highest level of environmental protection which is backed up by EU legislation and enforceable in the Courts. Failing to meet the Conservation Objectives for the River Wye SAC could result in a moratorium for certain development in parts of its catchment.

The NMP is overseen by a Management Board that is the responsible body for ensuring the delivery of the Conservation Objectives for the River Wye Special Area of Conservation. It is made up of political or high level representatives from the different member organisations and agencies. In addition to Powys County Council, the membership currently includes Herefordshire County Council, Natural England, Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water, Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales, Country Land and Business Association, Wye Valley Partnership, Wye Usk Foundation, and the NFU.

The meetings usually take place in Hereford, but there is a wish to share this duty with Powys, so future meetings may alternate. It is currently meeting twice yearly. The next meeting of the Board is due to take place in the first full week of December 2017. This meeting will be hosted by Powys in a venue tbc.

The NMP also has a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) made up of Officers from the above organisations which meets more regularly and is responsible for undertaking the work at the behest of the Board.

Currently PCC has been represented on the Board and TAG by either Peter Morris (Lead Professional Planning Policy) or Richard Pitts (Planning Policy Officer).

Decision Required;

Could Cabinet nominate a member to sit on the NMP Board. Alternatively, if the workload of Portfolio Holders prohibits it, Cabinet may prefer to see a Member nominated from the Council. If so, whilst not crucial, it would be ideal if the nomination came from a ward that lay within the catchment of the Rivers Wye, Ithon or Lugg (see list below), or alternatively a member from the Planning Committee.

PCC Council Wards within the area covered by the River Wye SAC;

River Wye Catchment;

Blaen Hafren	Llanyre	Glasbury
Rhayader	Llanelwedd	Felin Fach
Llanafanfawr	Builth	Talgarth
Disserth & Trecoed	Bronllys	Gwernyfed
		Hay

Ithon Catchment;

Llandrindod North, South, East & West
Llanbadarn Fawr

Lugg Catchment;

Llangunllo
Presteigne

Attached;

Terms of Reference for the NMP Board