

River Wye Special Area of Conservation Nutrient Management Plan Board

Terms of Reference:

1. The objective of the Board is to identify and deliver actions that achieve the phosphorous conservation target of the River Wye SAC. The primary mechanism for achieving this will be through the delivery of the Nutrient Management Plan.
2. Board Members will be responsible and accountable for the delivery of identified actions for their respective organisations and for identifying and obtaining the necessary resources to deliver the actions.
3. The Board will work together to review contributions across all organisations, working collaboratively to achieve the objectives and ensuring all members understand the issues and work together to resolve them.
4. The Board will review performance and delivery of actions within the plan and take timely corrective action where identified. The contributions of all organisations will be discussed as a whole.
5. The Nutrient Management Action Plan will initially be reviewed annually and be subject to regular updates. The Nutrient Management Plan will be reviewed every 4 years as detailed in the action plan.
6. The Board will be supported by input from a Technical Group to help inform their decisions with the Board agreeing the frequency of Technical Group meetings.
7. The Board will direct the Technical Group where additional actions or evidence is required.

River Wye SAC NMP Board Role and Structure:

Chair: Herefordshire Council Cllr Price, Cabinet member: Infrastructure

Role: NMP Board will be the responsible body for ensuring the delivery of the Conservation Objectives for the River Wye Special Area of Conservation. It will provide oversight and direction to all involved in delivering the Nutrient Management Plan.

Attendees:

Area level Managers from Natural England, the Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales

Director of Environment Welsh Water

Director / Assistant Director Herefordshire Council

Elected Member / Director / Assistant Director Powys County Council

Nominated member from the Countryside Land and Business Association (CLA)

Nominated Member from the National Farmers Union (NFU)

Nominated member from the Catchment Partnership

Chair of the stakeholder group

The Board may co-opt further members as it deems appropriate.

River Wye Water Technical Group:

Chair: EA and NE

Role: The Technical Group will be responsible for identifying and analysing options to deliver improvements to Water Quality. This will result in the Technical Group presenting options and recommendations to the Board. The Board will then decide upon the appropriate course of action and whether further evidence is required.

Attendees:

Officers/Senior Officers from Natural England, the Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales.

Growth Strategy Manager Dwr Cymru Welsh Water

Officers/Senior Officers of Herefordshire Council, Monmouthshire and Powys County Council

Representative from the Catchment Partnership

Chair of the Stakeholder group

Consultancy support as required.

The NMP Board will meet every 3 months

The Technical Group will meet every 6 weeks initially, with a view to reduce this as the group becomes established.

Herefordshire County Council will chair and provide secretariat for the NMP Board, including minutes being published on the CC website.

Agenda's for the meetings should be circulated 2 weeks in advance of the meeting.

At each NMP meeting a member of the Technical Group will provide an update on progress, and provide a steer on options, discussions and decisions required by the Board.

The Technical Group will be jointly chaired by EA and NE with details tbc.