



Bedfordshire Local Nature Partnership Business Plan Activity January 2017- March 2018

1. Oversee a Natural Capital assessment for Bedfordshire, which would:
 - build on the existing work on the LNP Review document
 - include a Natural Capital Audit and the creation of Natural Capital Opportunity Maps
 - consider whether this should be part of a wider assessment based on the SEMLEP geography, working with other SEMLEP LNPs
 - result in a Natural Capital Investment Plan - including close liaison with wildlife groups, businesses, infrastructure providers, developers and councils
2. Agree and establish working arrangements with SEMLEP, neighbouring LNPs and Health and Wellbeing Boards and other partnerships, including the establishment of appropriate working geographies
3. Further explore relationships with the Health and Wellbeing Boards to ensure the positive work of the sub-group is not lost
4. Agree and establish working arrangements with the local authorities, including:
 - development of a mutual understanding of the Duty to Co-operate
 - supporting the Local Plan development process, providing responses as appropriate
5. Produce concise and accessible guidance/checklists for planners, developers and parish/town councils on:
 - what we would expect to see in Neighbourhood Plans/Parish/Town Green Infrastructure Plans
 - what we expect to see in terms of good quality development and infrastructure
6. Set out the level/types of development proposal the LNP would wish to comment on, and:
 - provide responses to any consultations on major infrastructure proposals
7. Develop a Communications Plan for the LNP to raise its profile and increase its influence