

***“Everything you need to know about  
Local Nature Partnerships”***



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## What

“We know that highly effective partnerships already exist, and may have some of the elements above already in place. However we want them to become even better, bringing in more stakeholders, aligning to the vision and spirit of the Natural Environment White Paper and working to deliver more integrated, cross-cutting outcomes.”



## ***When***

- Invitation to submit applications in late 2011/early 2012
- First partnerships recognised in mid-2012

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## Who

- Local Authorities (county and district)
- Parish Councils
- Community Forums
- National Parks
- Arms Length Bodies (Environment Agency, Natural England, Forestry Commission, Marine Management Organisation, English Heritage, British Waterways etc)
- Civil society organisations and Environmental Charities (e.g. Wildlife Trusts, RSPB, National Trust, Butterfly Conservation etc)
- Existing Partnerships (e.g. Coastal Partnerships, Local Biodiversity Action Plan Partnerships, Local Access Forums, Rural and Farming Networks, Green Infrastructure Partnerships)
- Land Owners
- Local Businesses
- Local Enterprise Partnerships
- Health and Wellbeing Reps
- Education/Learning organisations
- Community Organisers
- Local Environmental Record Centres
- Local Universities

## ***How (1) The LNP Transition Fund***

“Applying for the fund is separate from applying to become Government recognised LNPs and participation in the fund is neither a pre-requisite for, nor determinant of, eventual LNP status.”

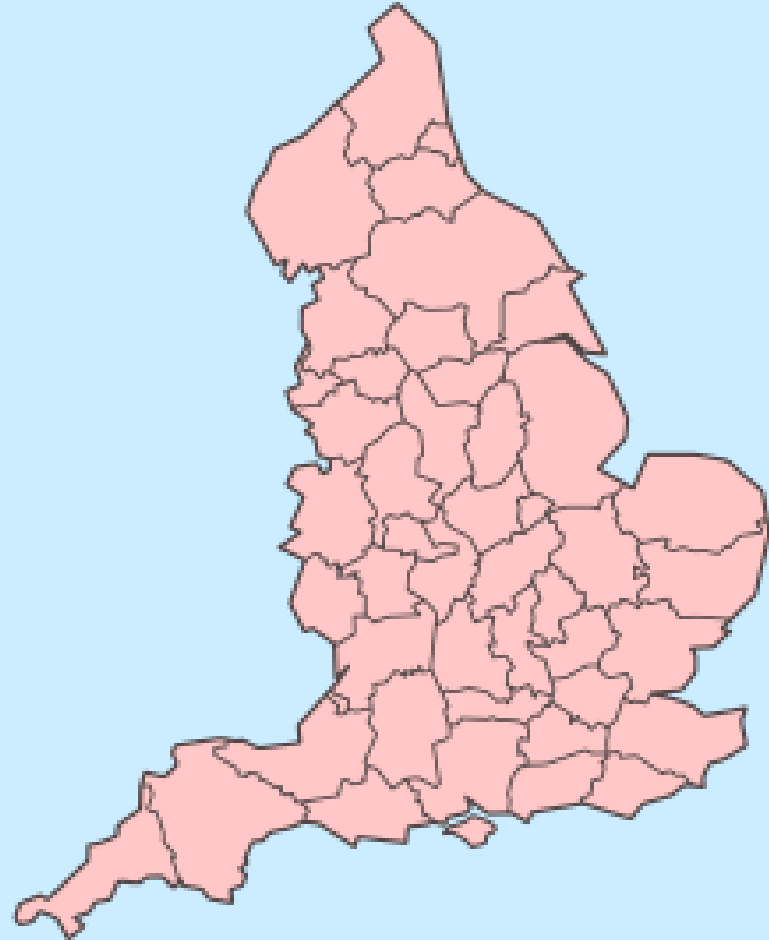
## **How (2) Tees Valley Transition Fund Bid**

- Structure and membership
- An integrated environmental vision – especially *Green Infrastructure and Environment Statement*
- Funding and communications
- Landscape-scale delivery opportunities
- Parish and Community level engagement

# *Local Nature Partnerships*

## **Where**

“We anticipate around 50 Partnerships across England.”



# *Local Nature Partnerships*

## **Why**

.....local leadership

..raise awareness of the vital services and benefits of a healthy natural environment..

..a shared environmental vision...

Embed natural value into local decision making....

.....contribute to the Green Economy.

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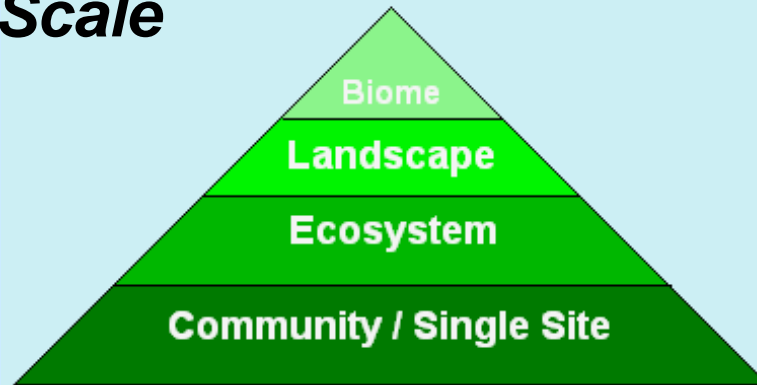
A green economy is one that results in improved human well-being and social equity, while significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities.

In its simplest expression, a green economy can be thought of as one which is low carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive.

*United Nations Environment Programme*

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## Landscape Scale



“Landscape scale conservation is a concept that has arisen in response to both the challenges of climate change and a perceived excessive focus on site-based conservation. It aims to take an holistic approach, looking not just at biodiversity issues, but also issues such as local economies and agriculture, eco-tourism, and the health and social benefits of the environment.”

*University of Salford*

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## **Natural Value**

Biodiversity and ecosystem services are routinely overlooked in investment analyses and the conservation community finds it challenging to understand and engage with investors to convince them of the importance of the issue to corporate value. As a result biodiversity is undervalued and over-exploited.

*The Natural Value Initiative, Fauna & Flora International*



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## ***Strategic-enough***

