

Pembrokeshire Nature Partnership: Terms of Reference



The Pembrokeshire Nature Partnership will:

Co-ordinate, promote and record existing and new actions to conserve, promote and enhance nature in the County of Pembrokeshire, including the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, the inshore waters and seabed around the Pembrokeshire coast to 12 miles offshore, taking account of local and national priorities and keeping the terms of reference set out below. Appendices one and two respectively clarify the structure of the Partnership and provide working guidance.

Definition:

For the purposes of the Pembrokeshire Nature Partnership, 'nature' shall mean all living organisms and the ecological complexes (including non-living elements and processes) of which they are part. It includes diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems; the resilience of ecosystems; the services they provide to society and the way in which humans interact with nature.

Terms of Reference:

1. The Partnership is a successor to the Pembrokeshire Biodiversity Partnership (PBP) and takes on its assets as set out in the PBP Terms of Reference (Appendix 2: working guidance, paragraph 6e).
2. The membership of the Partnership will comprise Pembrokeshire County Council, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority, Natural Resources Wales and other key organisational partnersⁱ with responsibility for the conservation and enhancement of nature in Pembrokeshire. Membership will also be open to individualsⁱⁱ as a forum for collaboration and involvement to aid the effective delivery of nature recovery actions in Pembrokeshire.
3. One of the Partners will act as host organisationⁱⁱⁱ and will take responsibility for employment of any staff and administration of any core funds on behalf of the Partnership.
4. The Partners will exercise their functions so as to secure compliance with the requirements of all relevant legislation and policy e.g. UN Convention on Biological Diversity (1992), Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) as amended, Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act (2015), Environment (Wales) Act (2016), Nature Recovery Action Plan Wales and Pollinator Action Plan Wales.
5. The Partnership will have no authority over any of the functions, duties or responsibilities of the member organisations.
6. The Partnership will publish, review and implement local plans for the conservation and enhancement of nature in Pembrokeshire. These plans may be focussed on

- species, habitats, or places as appropriate and will reflect local priorities and aspiration in the context of national and strategic policy drivers.
7. Each partner is jointly and equally empowered to establish and implement actions to deliver the aims of these plans in partnership with the others.
 8. Routine matters such as sign off of new or revised plans, funding matters and direction of the work of any person employed will be delegated to a Steering group drawn from the key organisational members to include Pembrokeshire County Council, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority, Natural Resources Wales and at least one non-governmental organisation.
 9. The Partnership will ensure that there is wide participation in developing and implementing the work of the Pembrokeshire Nature Partnership by employing an officer to:
 - i Review and develop the local plans, drawing on relevant knowledge and skills within the Partnership and ensuring consultation with the full Partnership before publication of new or revised plans.
 - ii Support and encourage new and existing action groups to take forward the implementation of actions identified in the plans.
 - iii Disseminate relevant information to partners and the public as appropriate.
 - iv Raise awareness of nature conservation related issues through a programme of events, website, newsletter and social media.
 10. The Steering Group will meet as deemed necessary as the need arises, which will in any case not be less than once a year.
 11. There will be an opportunity for the full Partnership to meet as deemed appropriate by the Steering Group (usually once a year as resources permit).

ⁱ Key partners include organisations with a statutory duty under Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act (2016) to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote the resilience of ecosystems; those listed in the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act (2015); and those whose core purposes include an element of nature conservation work. These organisations will have their logo displayed on membership listings and will be entitled to vote on matters not delegated to the Steering Group, provided they sign up to and keep these Terms of Reference.

ⁱⁱ Individuals with skills, time or expertise which they are willing to share in order to promote and enhance nature in Pembrokeshire will be welcome to contribute to the work of the Partnership. They may attend full Partnership meetings, or join task and finish groups as appropriate. They will not be expected to sign up to these Terms of Reference.

ⁱⁱⁱ Pembrokeshire County Council is currently the host organisation.