

## PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION RECORD

<b>Portfolio Holder:</b> Councillor Steve Tieney, Portfolio Holder for Decarbonisation	<b>Service:</b> Planning Policy
<b>CMT Officer:</b> Carol Pilson, Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer	<b>Delegated Power Being Exercised:</b> Non-executive decision
<b>Subject of Decision:</b> Response to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) Intention to Publish	

### Decision Taken:

Approval of formal response to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) Intention to Publish - Regulation 15 of the Environment (Local Nature Recovery Strategies) (Procedure) Regulations 2023.

### Reason for the Decision:

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) is preparing a Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for the region, in line with the national requirement under the Environment Act 2021 for all English areas to produce a locally led strategy to help reverse the decline in nature.

The CPCA has been appointed by Government as the “responsible authority” for this area. Its role is to lead the process and work collaboratively with local councils, partners, and landowners to produce a strategy that is locally relevant, evidence-based and deliverable.

Fenland District Council (FDC), as a “supporting authority”, has worked proactively with the CPCA and other partners throughout the development of the strategy to ensure that Fenland’s priorities and interests are appropriately reflected.

Under Regulation 12 of the Environment (Local Nature Recovery Strategies) (Procedure) Regulations 2023, the draft LNRS was subject to a statutory consultation. Public consultation commenced on 18 July 2025 for an eight-week period, following an earlier 28-day consultation for supporting authorities beginning on 19 June 2025. FDC responded formally to the supporting-authority consultation, confirming support for the progression of the draft LNRS while reserving the right to make further detailed representations during the public consultation.

Having now reviewed the updated document prepared following the Regulation 12 consultation, Fenland District Council is satisfied that the key issues raised in our earlier response have been appropriately addressed.

As such, Fenland District Council has no objection to raise under Regulation 15 of the Environment (Local Nature Recovery Strategies) (Procedure) Regulations 2023 and is content for the LNRS to proceed to publication.

### Alternative Options Considered (if appropriate):

There are no alternative options at this point.

### Background/Reports/Information

[Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation - Your Voice -](#)

[Cambridgeshire County Council - Citizen Space](#)

[What We Deliver - Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority](#)

[Agenda for Growth Committee on Wednesday, 18th June, 2025, 11.00 am](#)

Portfolio Holder Signature:

Councillor S Tierney, Portfolio Holder for  
Decarbonisation

Date:

4 December 2025

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