

## Deadline for return – 15 October 2009 (Quarter 2 Performance Report)

### Local Area Agreement 2008-2011

**LAA Priority:** Targeted conservation and enhancement of Devon’s biodiversity and geology (LAA8)

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**RAG Status:** Amber (delete as appropriate)

**RED** = fundamental blockage to progress with milestones and/or achievement of target  
**AMBER** = positive movement but with risks to achievement of milestones and/or target (so cannot say with confidence that priority would be achieved)  
**GREEN** = on track to achieve target and Milestones

**Delivery Board Recommendations** *(Please list any decisions/actions required on the part of the Delivery Board)*

**Delivery Board are asked to:** Remind districts that achievement of these targets depends on their involvement – and that a minimum contribution of £3K is sought for 2010/11 to take forward work on County Wildlife Sites across Devon (contributions also made by DCC, DWT, NE, FC).

**Summary Statement:**

Progress continues to be made with all targets- funding now needs to be sought to continue work in 2010/11. Data on NI197 not available until the end of year.

**\*\*Please update the data for quarter 2\*\***

**Performance Indicators – National and Local – Data for 2008/09 amended to include County Geological Sites and updated date for County Wildlife Sites**

Code	Title	+/- (see 1 below)	Year	Annual Target	Status (see 2 below)	Improvement (see 3 below)	Actual to Date	Officer Notes
NI 197	Improved local biodiversity – proportion of local sites where positive conservation management had been or is being implemented	+	09/10	3% increase	Not known	Not known	Not known	See notes below table

Target = 3% increase in sites in positive management.

1. + equals higher figures are better and – equals lower figures are better
2. **No Data/Well Below Target/Below Target/On Target/Above Target/Well Above Target**
3. Improved Performance ↑ Worse Performance ↓ Unchanged ↔

**Key Milestones (Last Quarter – Quarter 2 09/10, ends 30 September 09)**

	Description	Date	Outputs expected	Achieved/missed
1.	<b>Target A1</b> - Consultation on the Strategic Nature Area profiles to be carried out in 2009/10 and profiles placed on the SW Biodiversity website. Profiles in key areas (such as in areas where green infrastructure strategies are being produced) to begin to be finalised.	By end Sep 09	Consultation started and work begun to finalise at least three profiles.	Part achieved.
2.	<b>Target A2</b> – Draft Devon Nature map to be discussed in detail with a district and other partners.	By end Sep 09	Results of meeting with district used to refine Nature Map package.	Achieved
3.	<b>Target B</b> - Pilot for monitoring and providing advice to County Wildlife Site managers to begin across Devon.	By end Sep 09.	Advice/condition checks provided to 15 County Wildlife Site managers. Half way evaluation done on pilot. Funding sought for a capital grants scheme.	Part Achieved. Evaluation to take place in November.
4.	<b>Target C</b> - DCC to discuss priority areas in Devon for parish audits with AONB Projects. Community Council continue to integrate wildlife issues into parish plans. Work underway on a co-ordinated approach to community delivery to be developed between partners.	By end Sep 09	Drafting of parish audits underway.	Tender for work currently underway.
5.	<b>Target D</b> - Approach to monitoring of County Wildlife Sites to be piloted (see target B above). Monitoring of the planning process to be discussed with Districts.	By end Sep 09	See (3) above + greater understanding of what is needed to be done to monitor wildlife outcomes via the planning process.	See (3) above – not yet looked at the planning process.

**Key Milestones (This Quarter – Quarter 3 09/10, ends 31 December 09)**

	Description	Date	Outputs expected
1.	<b>Target A1</b> - Consultation on the Strategic Nature Area profiles to be carried out in 2009/10 and profiles placed on the SW Biodiversity website. Profiles in key areas (such as in areas where green infrastructure strategies are being produced) to begin to be finalised.		Profiles placed on DCC website. Work begun finalising profiles in key green infrastructure areas.

2.	<b>Target A2</b> – Draft Devon Nature map to be discussed in detail with a district and other partners.		Workshops to be organised with remaining districts.
3.	<b>Target B</b> - Pilot for monitoring and providing advice to County Wildlife Site managers to begin across Devon.		Advice/condition checks provided to 40 County Wildlife Site managers. Half way evaluation done on pilot. Funding sought for a capital grants scheme.
4.	<b>Target C</b> - DCC to discuss priority areas in Devon for parish audits with AONB Projects. Community Council continue to integrate wildlife issues into parish plans. Work underway on a co-ordinated approach to community delivery to be developed between partners.		Audits produced in AONBs.
5.	<b>Target D</b> - Approach to monitoring of County Wildlife Sites to be piloted (see target B above). Monitoring of the planning process to be discussed with Districts.		See (3) above. State of Nature Report produced for 2008/09 and work started on more detailed report for 2009/10

**Key Risks (\*\*Please update the following with reference to scoring guidelines below\*\*)**

Risk	Impact	Likelihood	Score	Mitigation
<b>Target A1.</b> Partners lack time to input into finalising the profiles	5	3	15	Focus on profiles in areas with high development pressure where there is greatest need for the profiles (e.g. where green infrastructure strategies are being produced)
<b>Target B.</b> Land managers do not respond to requests for permission to access County Wildlife Sites	5	3	15	Time given to contacting a lot of owners. Undertake the pilot in liaison with NFU / CLA etc to raise the profile of County Wildlife Sites in Devon.
<b>Target B.</b> Lack of capital funding available to bring sites into positive management (e.g for fencing / scrub clearance / water supply etc).	5	5	25	Funding to be sought to set up a capital grant for improving management infrastructure.
<b>Target B.</b> Low profile for County Wildlife Sites	4	5	20	Greater publicity for CWSites – including the use of ‘exemplar’ sites / open days / workshops / information.
<b>Target B.</b> Lack of funding to set up an annual monitoring / advisory programme for CWS.	5	5	25	For 2009/10 funding for advice and monitoring has been received from all LAs other than three. This funding uncertain for 2010/11 and other funding must be sought.
<b>Target C.</b> lack of	5	1	5	Low risk – mitigated through

interest from parishes				contacting lots of parishes and good publicity.
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### Spatial Implications – 2008/09 data

District	Impact (insert √ or x or unknown)	Disaggregated Data (√ or x)	Number of County Wildlife Sites	Number and % of County Wildlife Sites known to be in positive management.	% and number of County Wildlife Sites brought into positive management in 08 / 09. <b>Bold = &gt;3% target.</b>
Exeter			26	27% - 7 sites	0
East Devon			306	40% - 123 sites	<b>8% - 24 sites</b>
Mid Devon			228	35% - 80 sites	3% - 6 sites
North Devon			444	57% - 254 sites	4% - 19 sites
Torridge			214	55% - 117 sites	4% - 9 sites
West Devon			276	51% - 142 sites	<b>7% - 18 sites</b>
South Hams			280	52% - 145 sites	<b>6% - 17 sites</b>
Teignbridge			213	27% - 57 sites	4% - 9 sites
North Devon AONB			53	49% - 26 sites	4% - 2 sites
Blackdown Hills AONB			142	48% - 68 sites	<b>7% - 10 sites</b>
South Devon AONB			177	57% - 101 sites	<b>6% - 10 sites</b>
Tamar Valley AONB			20	55% - 11 sites	0
East Devon AONB			140	41% - 57 sites	<b>7% - 10 sites</b>
Dartmoor NP			144	52% - 75 sites	<b>12% - 17 sites</b>
Exmoor NP			115	73% - 84 sites	<b>6% - 7 sites</b>

### \*Risks – Scoring Guidelines:

Likelihood of risk:	Impact of risk:	Total risk score (likelihood x impact)
1 – Very low 2 – Low 3 – Medium 4 – High 5 – Very high	1 – Insignificant 2 – Minor 3 – Moderate 4 – Serious 5 – Very serious	<b>1 – 6 Low</b> <b>8 – 12 Medium</b> <b>14 – 20 High</b> <b>Over 20 Very high</b>