

**Deadline for return – 21 January 2010 Quarter 3 Performance Report
(30th Sept – 31st Dec 09)**

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:

Delivery Board are asked to: Ask whether districts are able to contribute to the achievement of LAA8 and take forward work on County Wildlife Sites across Devon through a minimum contribution of £3K in 2010/11.

Summary Statement:

Progress continues to be made with all targets. Funding needs to be sought to continue work in 2010/11 – especially to ensure that an effective Biodiversity Monitoring Framework is in place, along with a capital grants scheme for County Wildlife Sites, which will help to achieve NI197 and provide an evidence base for LDFs etc.

****Please update the data for quarter 3 if possible****

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.

Key to symbols (insert as appropriate):

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 3 09/10, ends 31 December 09)

	Description	Date	Outputs expected	Achieved/missed
1.	Target A1 - 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.	Missed. Profiles should be on the web by the end of January.
2.	Target A2 – Draft Devon Nature map to be discussed in detail with a district and other partners.		Workshops to be organised with remaining districts.	Achieved. Workshops all organised – and will all have been held by end of next quarter.
3.	Target 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.	All achieved other than funding found for capital grants scheme. Action Plan for CWS work drafted.
4.	Target C - 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.	In progress.
5.	Target D - 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	Achieved.

Key Milestones (This Quarter - Quarter 4 09/10, ends 31 March 2010)

	Description	Date	Outputs expected
1.	Target A1 - 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		Profiles placed on DCC website. Work begun finalising profiles in key green infrastructure areas.

	finalised.		
2.	Target A2 – Draft Devon Nature map to be discussed in detail with a district and other partners.		Devon Nature map completed.
3.	Target B - Pilot for monitoring and providing advice to County Wildlife Site managers to begin across Devon.		Pilot finalised and work plan agreed for 2010/11.
4.	Target C - 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.		Parish audits completed and plan produced to take this work forward in 2010/11.
5.	Target D - 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.

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

Risk	Impact	Likelihood	Score	Mitigation
Target A1. 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)
Target 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.
Target 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.
Target B. Low profile for County Wildlife Sites	4	5	20	Greater publicity for CWSites – including the use of ‘exemplar’ sites / open days / workshops / information.
Target B. Lack of	5	5	25	For 2009/10 funding for

funding to set up an annual monitoring / advisory programme for CWS.				advice and monitoring has been received from all LAs other than three. This funding uncertain for 2010/11 and other funding must be sought.
Target C. lack of interest from parishes	5	1	5	Low risk – mitigated through contacting lots of parishes and good publicity.

Spatial Implications – 2008/09 data (Please update)

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. Bold = >3% target.
Exeter			26	27% - 7 sites	0
East Devon			306	40% - 123 sites	8% - 24 sites
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	7% - 18 sites
South Hams			280	52% - 145 sites	6% - 17 sites
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	7% - 10 sites
South Devon AONB			177	57% - 101 sites	6% - 10 sites
Tamar Valley AONB			20	55% - 11 sites	0
East Devon AONB			140	41% - 57 sites	7% - 10 sites
Dartmoor NP			144	52% - 75 sites	12% - 17 sites
Exmoor NP			115	73% - 84 sites	6% - 7 sites

***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	1 – 6 Low 8 – 12 Medium 14 – 20 High Over 20 Very high