**South Yorkshire Local Nature Partnership Strategy**

The role of Local Nature Partnerships:

## Following the Government’s publication of the Natural Environment White Paper in 2012, Defra called for Local Nature Partnerships to be established across England to “*bring a diverse range of businesses and organisations together to create a vision and plan of action of how the natural environment can be taken into account in decision-making to raise awareness about the services and benefits of a healthy natural environment*.”

**South Yorkshire Local Nature Partnership’s Vision:**

*"South Yorkshire's natural environment is valued, enhanced, celebrated and enjoyed by everyone and is recognised for the essential contribution it makes to the local economy and peoples' quality of life."*

To help achieve this vision the SYLNP will aim to ensure South Yorkshire’s natural environment is:

1. Valued, enhanced and protected

By: Seeking opportunities for investment and enhancement at a landscape scale Identifying & minimising risks to the natural environment

 Promoting existing and new partnerships that benefit the natural environment

 Promoting appropriate natural capital approaches and investment

 Identifying and overseeing significant opportunities

Co-ordinating and overseeing major project development

1. Recognised for its contribution to a sense of place and enhanced quality of life for all

By: Promoting evidenced based case studies to health & wellbeing boards, local authorities, others

 Defining, celebrating and promoting SY natural assets - sense of place – and how this contributes to the visitor economy

1. At the heart of decision-making for sustainable social and economic development

By: Influencing key decision-makers: SCR CA/LEP, Councillors, Mayor etc

 Actively engaging in the duty to co-operate on Local Plans

 Identifying and promoting opportunities to support sustainable development in SY, for example through influencing:

Planning development and delivery, infrastructure investment, including green & blue infrastructure, flood protection & natural flood risk management, green prescribing, air quality improvement, climate change adaptation/mitigation

*What does Success look like for the LNP? Added value?*

* Increased area of priority habitat network/natural assets created and sustained (from SY mapping)
* Natural environment policies embedded in all SY Local Plans (4 plans) + SCR vision delivery
* Increasing use of images/messaging about the quality of SY natural environment to promote the region
* Natural capital approach appropriately embedded in several SY major planning and infrastructure decision-making and delivery
* Several well evidenced case studies across SY with sound evidence promoting the benefits of the natural environment to the economy and peoples’ quality of life