

Environment Act 2021

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PART 6

NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY

Local nature recovery strategies

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- (1) A local nature recovery strategy for an area ("the strategy area") is to be prepared and published by the responsible authority.
- (2) The responsible authority for a local nature recovery strategy is such one of the following authorities as is appointed by the Secretary of State—
 - (a) a local authority whose area is, or is within, the strategy area;
 - (b) the Mayor of London;
 - (c) the mayor for the area of a combined authority established under section 103 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009;
 - (d) a National Park authority in England;
 - (e) the Broads Authority;
 - (f) Natural England.
- (3) A local nature recovery strategy is to be reviewed and republished from time to time by the responsible authority.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about the procedure to be followed in the preparation and publication, and review and republication, of local nature recovery strategies.
- (5) Regulations under this section may, for example, include provision-
 - (a) requiring the provision of information by a local authority whose area is, or is within, the strategy area but which is not the responsible authority;
 - (b) for a local nature recovery strategy to be agreed by all of the local authorities whose areas are within the strategy area;

- (c) for the procedure for reaching such agreement and for the resolution of disagreements (including resolution by the Secretary of State or by a public inquiry);
- (d) for consultation, including consultation of members of the public;
- (e) for the times at or after which a local nature recovery strategy is to be reviewed and republished.
- (6) Regulations under this section are subject to the negative procedure.