



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot  
Neath Port Talbot Council

## **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNCIL**

### **Regeneration and Sustainable Development Cabinet Board 19 April 2021**

#### **Report of the Head of Planning and Public Protection Ceri Morris**

#### **Matter for Decision**

**Wards Affected:** Glyncorwg, Cymmer and Gwynfi

#### **Lost Peatlands of South Wales Project: National Lottery Heritage Fund Grant Offer**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

That Members authorise the Director of Environment and Regeneration, Head of Planning and Public Protection to accept the offer of funding from National Lottery Heritage Fund and the terms under which the funding is offered, for the delivery of the Lost Peatlands of South Wales Project.

#### **Executive Summary**

The Lost Peatlands of South Wales Project has successfully completed a development phase funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund. The project has been offered further funding to implement the 4-year delivery phase of the project.

The offer of grant funding from National Lottery Heritage Fund is £1.53million with total project cost of over £2.8million.

Authority is sought to accept the offer of funding from National Lottery Heritage Fund to deliver the 4-year delivery phase of the Lost Peatlands of South Wales Project.

#### **Background**

Working in partnership with Rhondda Cynon Taf Council, Natural Resources Wales, Coed Lleol and Swansea University, the Lost Peatlands of South Wales Project aims to deliver a landscape scale environmental and community-based project in the Upper Afan and Rhondda Valleys. It will restore habitats, especially peat bogs, and reconnect people with their local landscape whilst encouraging better health and well-being. People will be able to gain new skills and school children will have opportunities for outdoor and environmental learning.

Since receiving initial development funding in 2019, the Lost Peatlands of South Wales project has been developed by the partnership. Investigations into opportunities to deliver environmental and community benefits have been undertaken that build on and expand the reach of the Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm Habitat Management Fund, which forms the main match-funding source for the project.

A great deal of environmental survey and assessment has been undertaken alongside community consultation as well as trials of outdoor health and well-being activities, peat bog restoration and community education activities. All of this investigatory work has informed the development of the Lost Peatlands project and culminated in the submission of an application for delivery funding to the National Lottery Heritage Fund with Neath Port Talbot Council acting as lead for the partnership.

Some of the key outcomes of the project include 350,000 tonnes of carbon stored, which is the equivalent of over 5 million trees planted and grown for 10 years; creation of a 30km long new walking route – the peatland way; 491 hectares of habitat managed or restored; 588 people trained; 7 schools participating in outdoor learning; 176 people attending health and well-being sessions; over 580 volunteer days contributing to the project.

The project will deliver against the duties and requirements of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and particularly will aid the Council's response to the climate and biodiversity emergencies.

## **Funding Offer**

On 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 an offer of £1.53million funding was received from National Lottery Heritage Fund. The overall project cost is over £2.8million (including all the match-funding).

The offer of funding is reliant upon the acceptance of the grant terms and conditions (see Appendix 1), including documentation of the approval to agree to the offer of funding within 21 days of the receipt of the offer letter.

## Financial Impacts

The funding offered by National Lottery Heritage Fund is £1.53million. Match-funding from all main partners is a requirement to secure the National Lottery Heritage Fund monies. The Council will contribute £8,000 cash (equivalent to £2,000 for each year of the project), a small contribution towards the overall project budget.

All other project costs are externally funded with funding also being contributed by each of the other partners as well as Vattenfall with the full project cost of over £2.8million.

The project will not be able to be implemented without the above mentioned funding.

## Integrated Impact Assessment

A first stage assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment (see Appendix 3), has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. A summary is included below:

- **Equalities** – community activities proposed in the project are designed to be inclusive. Monitoring will allow project activities to be tailored to groups where needed. Health and Well-being sessions and provision of equipment to promote disabled access will improve opportunities for less abled groups.
- **Socio Economic Disadvantage** – the project particularly focusses on an area of high deprivation. The project includes opportunities for training and skills development and improving employability for people in highly deprived communities. The project also includes community activities and volunteering and health and well-being sessions that will encourage people to gain more confidence.
- **Community Cohesion / Social Exclusion / Poverty** – the project includes community activities, health and well-being sessions and volunteering encouraging stewardship, community cohesion and tackle social exclusion. Training and skills development will provide opportunities for people to improve employability.
- **Welsh** – new interpretation and information about the project and landscape will be provided in English and Welsh.

- **Biodiversity** – large areas of habitats supporting species will be managed or restored (particularly peat bog) ensuring ecosystem resilience is improved.
- **Well-being of Future Generations** – through partnership working the project will improve the environment and provide beneficial outcomes for people for the long-term. This meets numerous well-being objectives and the 5 ways of working.

## **Valleys Communities Impacts**

The project will deliver positive impacts for the Valley Communities of the Upper Afan Valley (and Upper Rhondda Valley). The project includes opportunities for improvements to local environments, training and skills development for local people, outdoor learning opportunities for local schools as well as activities intended to promote better health and well-being.

## **Workforce Impacts**

The grant offer includes funding for project staff and three new posts (i.e. Project Manager; Community and Education Officer; trainee) will be created as well as ensuring that two other existing posts can be sustained (Ecologists 2x part-time). Some in-kind staff time will be used as match-funding but this is consistent with the current remit and capacity of the Countryside and Wildlife Team.

## **Legal Impacts**

The acceptance of the grant offer will contract the Council to the terms and conditions of the grant (Appendix 1). The project will also be delivered in partnership and will also tie the Council to a partnership agreement (refer to Appendix 2).

The project will contribute to the Council's delivery of the Biodiversity Duty under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

## **Risk Management Impacts**

Failing to agree to the offer of funding will result in the project not being able to be undertaken. This will risk partnership working relationships with the partners and poor public relations in the local communities that were involved in the consultations and trials during the development phase.

The acceptance of the grant will mean that the Council accepts lead responsibility for delivery of the project in line with the terms and conditions of

the grant. Risks associated with partner delivery is recognised but will be limited via a partnership agreement.

General project risk management forms a key part of the project management. Various risks have been identified and mitigation set out to address these in the project bid and an appropriate financial contingency built in.

## **Consultation**

A great deal of consultation was undertaken with local communities, groups and general public to aid design and development of the project prior to submission of the application for funding. This included an online questionnaire, use of social media, direct discussions with local groups and organisations.

## **Recommendations**

Having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, it is recommended that:

1. The Director of Environment and Regeneration, Head of Planning and Public Protection and any officers so designated by them are authorised to accept the offer of funding from National Lottery Heritage Fund and the terms under which the funding is offered, for the delivery of the Lost Peatlands of South Wales Project.
2. Commencement of the project (and any grant spend) is agreed to be conditional upon all other project Delivery Partners signing a partnership agreement, as set out in the draft included in Appendix 2.

## **Reasons for Proposed Decision**

To ensure that the Council contributes to the requirements of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and particularly in relation to the climate and biodiversity emergencies.

To ensure the Council can deliver an aspiration landscape-scale partnership project that will deliver benefits for the environment and people of the Afan Valley and beyond.

## **Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for implementation immediately.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – NLHF Grant Notification Letter

Appendix 2 – Draft Partnership Agreement

Appendix 3 – Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) First Stage Assessment

### **List of Background Papers**

Lost Peatlands Project Overview

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## **Appendix 3 – Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)**

This Integrated Impact Assessment considers the duties and requirements of the following legislation in order to inform and ensure effective decision making and compliance:

- Equality Act 2010
- Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015
- Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
- Environment (Wales) Act 2016

### **Version Control**

<b>Version</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Job title</b>	<b>Date</b>
Version 1	Rebecca Sharp	Countryside and Wildlife Team Leader	13 <sup>th</sup> April 2021

### **1. Details of the initiative**

	<b>Title of the Initiative: Lost Peatlands of South Wales Project</b>
<b>1a</b>	<b>Service Area:</b> Countryside and Wildlife
<b>1b</b>	<b>Directorate:</b> Environment
<b>1c</b>	<b>Summary of the initiative:</b> Working in partnership with Rhondda Cynon Taf Council, Natural Resources Wales, Coed Lleol and Swansea University, the Lost Peatlands of South Wales Project aims to deliver a landscape scale environmental and community-based project in the Upper Afan and Rhondda Valleys. It will restore habitats, especially peat bogs, and reconnect people with their local landscape whilst encouraging better health and wellbeing. People will be able to gain new skills and schoolchildren will have opportunities for outdoor and environmental learning.
<b>1d</b>	<b>Is this a ‘strategic decision’?</b> No
<b>1e</b>	<b>Who will be directly affected by this initiative?</b> Public and Staff, especially public and school children in the upper Afan Valley
<b>1f</b>	<b>When and how were people consulted?</b> During the development phase of the project (summer 2019- winter 2020) the public, local

	<p>groups and organisations were consulted through various means. Communities in the Upper Afan and Rhondda Valleys that are considered deprived were the particular focus for the project.</p> <p>Before lockdown we did manage to do some in person engagement and pilot activities including a project launch event – a Wild Blitz- and most of a health and wellbeing pilot programme as well as presentations and meetings with some community groups. These events and activities were very successful and provided useful feedback.</p> <p>Unfortunately covid restricted our ability to continue to engage with people in-person. But we still successfully engaged with people remotely through digital means –including (click).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an online questionnaire</li> <li>• Social media</li> <li>• online activities, including webinar programme and health and wellbeing sessions</li> <li>• schools activity sheets.</li> <li>• We also held stakeholder consultations, a Theory of Change Workshop and directly consulted local groups such the Afan environment conversation group and welcome to our woods.</li> </ul> <p>We also had conversations with a number of local people including the local pub owner in Glyncoirwg and local historians. Plus numerous residents via social media messages, as well as direct conversations with local companies such as Vattenfall.</p>
1g	<p><b>What were the outcomes of the consultation?</b> The consultation results have informed the content and design of the community activities proposed during the next delivery phase. The consultation produced a great deal of insight but here’s just a few highlights:</p> <p>People are really supportive and keen for the project to take place.</p> <p>The landscape, heritage and natural environment were identified as significant assets. Visitor research shows outdoor activities and enjoying local landscapes are the main drivers for visiting whilst health and wellbeing is also a key motivator.</p> <p>The project area engenders strong largely positive emotions. This is also reflected in some of the stories and memories we have collected so far with many of the older generation retelling fond memories of their childhood experiences. Some of the historical stories people have told us also demonstrate the sense of humour of the valleys communities.</p> <p>The full project landscape is not well-explored because people just do not know where to go, they need a reason to visit the top of the project area as it is quite steep and unwelcoming, clearer signage and information is required. Whilst knowledge of the area a place to visit is quite high, frequent visitation is significantly lower, suggesting the need to increase interest.</p> <p>Better walking routes appears to be particularly important for people to use the area more.</p> <p>We found good public interest in engaging with project activities, as part of regular events, well-being activities, training and volunteering, with particular interest in nature and walking. A desire for family activities and sessions also appeared important and 7 schools in the project area are committed to engaging in outdoor learning opportunities.</p>

## 2. Evidence

## What evidence was used in assessing the initiative?

During the development phase we undertook a great deal of research and survey to inform the project evolution. We reviewed the wealth of current information and consultation results available such as wellbeing assessments, rights of way improvement plans, visitor research (national and local), evaluation of Coed Lleol Actif Woods Health and wellbeing programme, peatland research. We also undertook ecological, hydrological and archaeological surveys and we trailed restoration techniques. Ensuring lessons learnt have informed our proposals.

### 3. Equalities

a) How does the initiative impact on people who share a **protected characteristic**?

Protected Characteristic	+	-	+/-	Why will it have this impact?
Age	+			Community activities proposed in the project are varied and aim to cater for all ages. Following consultation results specific activities have also been included aimed at young families and school children. Community activities offered are designed to be flexible to adapt to any specific needs of a particular group.
Disability	+			Specific proposals have been included in the project to improve access to outdoor sites by people less abled e.g. equipment to convert wheelchair to off-road able.
Gender reassignment			+	Community activities proposed in the project are designed to be inclusive
Marriage & civil partnership			+	Community activities proposed in the project are designed to be inclusive
Pregnancy and maternity			+	Community activities proposed in the project are designed to be inclusive
Race			+	Community activities proposed in the project are designed to be inclusive. Opportunities for volunteer ambassadors are included to specifically address any engagement issues with any particular group and community activities offered are designed to be flexible to adapt to any specific needs of a particular group.
Religion or belief			+	Community activities proposed in the project are designed to be inclusive. Opportunities for volunteer ambassadors are included to specifically address any engagement issues with any

				particular group and community activities offered are designed to be flexible to adapt to any specific needs of a particular group.
Sex			+	Community activities proposed in the project are designed to be inclusive
Sexual orientation			+	Community activities proposed in the project are designed to be inclusive

**What action will be taken to improve positive or mitigate negative impacts?**

Community activities proposed in the project are designed to be inclusive. Opportunities for volunteer ambassadors are included to specifically address any engagement issues with any particular group and community activities offered are designed to be flexible to adapt to any specific needs of a particular group. Monitoring of activities and overall project will allow us to identify if any particular groups are not engaging with the project and allow us to make necessary changes e.g. use of project ambassadors, targeted events, closed group sessions. Communities will have a voice via a stakeholder group to ensure activities offered reflect local people's needs and wants.

b) How will the initiative assist or inhibit the ability to meet the **Public Sector Equality Duty**?

<b>Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED)</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>Why will it have this impact?</b>
To eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation			+	Community activities proposed in the project are designed to be inclusive.
To advance equality of opportunity between different groups			+	Community activities proposed in the project are designed to be inclusive.
To foster good relations between different groups			+	Community activities proposed in the project are designed to be inclusive.

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#### 4. Socio Economic Duty

Impact	Details of the impact/advantage/disadvantage
Positive/Advantage	The project particularly focusses on an area of high deprivation. Project includes opportunities for training and skills development, improving employability for people in highly deprived communities. Project includes community activities and volunteering and health and wellbeing sessions that will encourage people to gain more confidence.
Negative/Disadvantage	<b>N/A</b>
Neutral	<b>N/A</b>

#### What action will be taken to reduce inequality of outcome

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#### 5. Community Cohesion/Social Exclusion/Poverty

	+	-	+/-	Why will it have this impact?

Community Cohesion	+			Project includes community activities and volunteering encouraging socialisation and working together to deliver common goals – environmental improvement. This will engender stewardship and community cohesion.
Social Exclusion	+			Project includes community activities including health and wellbeing programmes that focus on inclusivity and encouraging people and groups to get involved and gain benefits e.g. socialisation, health and well-being improvements. All aim to reduce social exclusion.
Poverty	+			Project includes opportunities for training and skills development, improving employability for people in highly deprived communities.

### What action will be taken to improve positive or mitigate negative impacts?

Project and activity monitoring will be undertaken. This will inform any changes needed to ensure people can benefit from the project activities. Communities will have a voice via a stakeholder group to ensure activities offered reflect local people's needs and wants.

## 6. Welsh

	+	-	+/-	Why will it have this effect?
What effect does the initiative have on: - people's opportunities to use the Welsh language	+			New interpretation and information about the project and landscape will be provided in English and Welsh – giving people to use the Welsh Language.
- treating the Welsh and English languages equally	+			New interpretation and information about the project and landscape will be provided in English and Welsh

**What action will be taken to improve positive or mitigate negative impacts?**

Project and activity monitoring will be undertaken. This will inform any changes needed to project delivery to ensure the use of the Welsh Language reflect local needs. Communities will have a voice via a stakeholder group to ensure the project reflects local people's needs and wants.

**7. Biodiversity**

How will the initiative assist or inhibit the ability to meet the **Biodiversity Duty**?

<b>Biodiversity Duty</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>Why will it have this impact?</b>
To maintain and enhance biodiversity	+			491ha of upland habitats will be managed or restored, supporting numerous S7 and protected species.
To promote the resilience of ecosystems, i.e. supporting protection of the wider environment, such as air quality, flood alleviation, etc.	+			Peat bogs will be restored that will provide significant carbon storage and have a positive response to the climate emergency. The restoration of habitats, especially peat bogs will result in water improvement in relation to flow and quality, reducing peak flows in flood events and improve water quality in our Rivers. Habitat management will also reduce fire risk as the fuel load is reduced. Through habitat management across the upland landscape the ecosystem resilience of such habitat and the species they support will be promoted.

**What action will be taken to improve positive or mitigate negative impacts?**

The efficacy of the habitat restoration will be monitored by Swansea University, ensuring lessons learnt will be incorporated into best practice across Wales. Habitat management will be adaptive and will be able to be altered in light of monitoring results.

## 8. Well-being of Future Generations

How have the five ways of working been applied in the development of the initiative?

Ways of Working	Details
i. <b>Long term</b> – looking at least 10 years (and up to 25 years) ahead	The project includes the restoration of habitats to functioning ecosystems that will be more resilient in the long term. By training and supporting local communities we can sustain ongoing management and monitoring of the project outcomes whilst providing people and children with new skills and knowledge that will aid them in the long term
ii. <b>Prevention</b> – preventing problems occurring or getting worse	By educating local people and schoolchildren we hope to reduce the effect of anti-social behaviour on our local environments e.g. from fire. Through restoring peat bogs we can help sequester carbon contributing to the response to the climate emergency. Through better habitat management we can encourage the recovery of declining biodiversity.
iii. <b>Collaboration</b> – working with other services internal or external	The project will be delivered through a partnership with RCTC, NRW, Coed Lleol and Swansea University.
iv. <b>Involvement</b> – involving people, ensuring they reflect the diversity of the population	During the development phase of the project (summer 2019- winter 2020) the public, local groups and organisations were consulted through various means. This has informed the design of community activities, including training and volunteering. Communities will have a voice via a stakeholder group to ensure the project reflects local people’s needs and wants
v. <b>Integration</b> – making connections to maximise contribution to:	The project is multi-disciplined and aims to engage people with their local environment whilst gaining new skills and knowledge.

<p><b>Council's well-being objectives</b></p>	<p>To improve the well-being of children and young people          To improve the well-being of all adults who live in the county borough          The project includes specific activities aimed at improving local people (adults and children) health and wellbeing.          To develop the economy and the environment so that the well-being of people can be improved          The project will deliver environmental improvements throughout the landscape. It also will deliver training and skills development for people to learn about and from their environment.</p>
<p><b>Other public bodies objectives</b></p>	<p><b>PSB</b>          Support children in their early years, especially children at risk of adverse childhood experiences.          Create safe, confident and resilient communities, focussing on vulnerable people          The project will provide outdoor learning opportunities for children and provide opportunities for communities to get involved in volunteering as well as health and wellbeing sessions.          Recognise and promote green infrastructure, how green infrastructure can support the economic, social and cultural well-being of the people of Neath Port Talbot          The project will deliver landscape scale habitat management and restoration whilst supporting community involvement, training and learning.</p>

## 9. Monitoring Arrangements

Provide information on the monitoring arrangements to:

Monitor the impact of the initiative on Equalities, Community Cohesion, the Welsh Measure, Biodiversity Duty and the Wellbeing Objectives.

A Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy has been developed for the project and this sets out how we will measure the overall success of the project, through the assessment of the activities delivered and restoration and management works completed. We will assess what the project has achieved in line with its aims and objectives and the National Heritage Lottery outcomes, and will measure the success of the two main aspects of the project, the condition of the natural environment within the project area and the people and communities engaged with the project. The approach to monitoring and evaluation will be led by the project team, partners and external independent contractor.

We will embed monitoring and valuation into our activity and capital works delivery.

The aims of the monitoring and evaluation:

- Meet NLHF reporting requirements – this will help the project team to report to NLHF in accordance with current guidance.
- Ongoing Feedback on project activities – this will help to steer the project, ensuring staff can keep an eye on project outputs and respond if something is not working.

- Evidence the project impact – is the whole project success? Are individual activities/works working? What difference are we making to the heritage and the people? Are we achieving our aims and objectives?
  - Disseminate lesson learnt – informing best practice in Wales and beyond, especially for peatland restoration.
  - Facilitate future projects – providing information about project lessons we can build on these to promote sustainability of activities and project impacts and allow the partnership to plan for future projects.
- The evaluation of will enable the project team to manage activity and works in the best and most effective way, whilst providing feedback on what is being achieved and how this can inform future projects.

This approach to monitoring will provide suitable data to evaluate the project against funding outcomes as well as the Equalities, Community Cohesion, the Welsh Measure, Biodiversity Duty and the Wellbeing Objectives.

## 10. Assessment Conclusions

Please provide details of the conclusions reached in relation to each element of the assessment:

	<b>Conclusion</b>
<b>Equalities</b>	Community activities proposed in the project are designed to be inclusive. Monitoring will allow project activities to be tailored to groups where needed. Health and Wellbeing sessions and provision of equipment to promote disabled access will improve opportunities for less abled groups. Recommendation is to continue with the project as planned.
<b>Socio Economic Disadvantage</b>	The project particularly focusses on an area of high deprivation. Project includes opportunities for training and skills development, improving employability for people in highly deprived communities. Project includes community activities and volunteering and health and wellbeing sessions that will encourage people to gain more confidence. Recommendation is to continue with the project as planned.
<b>Community Cohesion/ Social Exclusion/Poverty</b>	Project includes community activities, health and wellbeing sessions and volunteering encouraging stewardship, community cohesion and tackle social exclusion. Training and skills development will provide opportunities for people to improve employability. Recommendation is to continue with the project as planned.
<b>Welsh</b>	New interpretation and information about the project and landscape will be provided in English and Welsh. Recommendation is to continue with the project as planned.

<b>Biodiversity</b>	Large areas of habitats supporting species will be managed or restored (particularly peat bog) ensuring ecosystem resilience is improved. Recommendation is to continue with the project as planned.
<b>Well-being of Future Generations</b>	Through partnership working the project will improve the environment and provide beneficial outcomes for people for the long-term. This meets numerous wellbeing objectives and 5 ways of working. Recommendation is to continue with the project as planned.

### Overall Conclusion

Please indicate the conclusion reached:

**Continue** - as planned as no problems and all opportunities have been maximised

**Make adjustments** - as potential problems/missed opportunities/negative impacts have been identified along with mitigating actions

**Justification** - for continuing with the initiative even though there is a potential for negative impacts or missed opportunities

**STOP** - redraft the initiative as actual or potential unlawful discrimination has been identified

Please provide details of the overall conclusion reached in relation to the initiative

Through partnership working the project will improve the local environment and provide beneficial outcomes for people in highly deprived areas for the long-term. Inclusive community activities proposed will provide local people opportunities to get involved and through training and volunteering people can gain employable skills and confidence. Activities will also bring people together engendering stewardship and appreciation of their community and local environment. This alongside education will help to reduce anti-social behaviour such as wildfires. New interpretation and information about the project and landscape will be provided in English and Welsh and will provide people with opportunities to use the welsh language as well as learn about the local landscape. Habitats, especially peatlands, will be managed and restored contributing to the Council response to the biodiversity and climate emergencies. Over a landscape scale ecosystem resilience will be improved promoting carbon sequestration. Overall, the project will deliver wide ranging positive outcomes for people and environment including in relation to Equalities, Community Cohesion, Welsh Language, Biodiversity Duty and the Wellbeing Objectives.

### 11. Actions

What actions are required in relation to obtaining further data/information, to reduce or remove negative impacts or improve positive impacts?

Action	Who will be responsible for seeing it is done?	When will it be done by?	How will we know we have achieved our objective?
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Project monitoring and evaluation	Lost Peatlands Partnership (Countryside and Wildlife Team Leading)	Over the 4 years project delivery	Final evaluation report
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## 12. Sign off

	Name	Position	Date
Completed by	Rebecca Sharp	Countryside and Wildlife Team Leader	14 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Signed off by	Ceri Morris	Head of Planning and Public Protection	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021