

- (a) I started with the intention of trying to find some consistent pattern in the 7 Statements, perhaps providing a straightforward comparative matrix of major themes, aims & objectives against each Area.
- (b) It quickly became apparent that this would become a very large matrix; although expected 'mega-themes' such as biodiversity, climate change *etc*, recur across the Statements, there is also a lack of either consistent layout or quality of response.
- (c) With the impracticality of a large and complex matrix, this Summary is intended as a ready-reference document for ease of reading and a faster way of comparing and evaluating each Areas' aims & objectives than constantly clicking in and out of 7 Area Statements.
- (d) Virtually every word of the Summary is abstracted directly from the Statements. You will be aware that the template asks the questions Why this theme?, What would success look like?, What are the next steps/actions?, Who have we worked with to date?, How do we think the areas of work we've proposed will help deliver SMNR?, How can people get involved? I have summarised the Theme and Next Steps/Actions
- (e) I have left off each Area's *Introduction to* revealed by clicking onto either the Area's name or first entry on its individual site. They include what we would expect of each Area's regional descriptions, as well as generalised intentions behind the Statement.
- (f) What I include are the (usually) 4 -5 main Themes and their brief descriptor, in a rank order reading from left to right across each line of entries in the *Full Listing*. This is about the only part of the Statements with any expected consistency.
- (g) I then summarise the Next Steps/ Actions and, where provided, intended specific Objectives. These reveal very wide differences in detail, intentions and interpretations of the overall brief from one Area to the next. Some of the clearest list explicitly-stated Actions (listed in response to the question followed by a series of specific, bullet-pointed Objectives (*e.g.* South East Wales).
- (h) Others include only general, narrative texts and what may be described as 'best intentions' and aspirational (*e.g.* South Central and South West Areas) or even somewhat discursive texts (*e.g.* Mid Wales) or platitudes, with lots of 'good intentions' and 'how to' rather than 'what to' Actions, usually of a collaborative nature rather than any/many hard objective (*e.g.* North East Wales) In some cases, I have had to deduce Objectives from narrative (*e.g.* North West Wales).
- (i) Finally, whilst many responses reiterate NRW, WG or other policies and 'best practices', only one ~ the Marine (Protected) Area Statement ~ appears, understandably; to be straight from NRW policy. For this reason, I have also extracted important elements of policy and included as shaded text in the Themes column ~ especially with regard to Nature-based solutions and adaptation at the coast since the entire length of the Welsh coastline is under threat from rising sea-levels and increasing storm surge frequency and magnitude.

South East Wales	
Theme & Aims	Actions & Number of Listed Objectives
<p><u>Linking our landscapes</u> This theme is about identifying local opportunities for protected sites, and natural and built environments to contribute towards the resilience of wider priority habitat networks in the region. These opportunities for improving ecosystem resilience should support ecological connectivity between sites, across boundaries and at a landscape scale.</p>	<p>Improve resilience of our ecosystems across Gwent (15)</p> <p>Increase understanding of the need to safeguard and enhance core habitat networks and support ecological connectivity on and between our 'best sites' across Gwent (11)</p> <p>Increase capacity of organisations and individuals, ensuring that they have the tools, skills and guidance necessary to safeguard and enhance our core habitat networks across Gwent (5)</p>
<p><u>Climate ready Gwent</u> This theme is about identifying landscape and regional scale opportunities and collective interventions for climate adaptation and mitigation which enhance local ecosystem and community resilience.</p>	<p><i>Adaptation:</i> Improve health and resilience of our ecosystems to maximise their ability to protect, prevent and reduce climate impact across Gwent (7)</p> <p><i>Mitigation:</i> Improve resource efficiency, with necessary steps taken towards decarbonisation across Gwent (4)</p> <p><i>Adaptation:</i> Increased understanding of the climate change risks and opportunities across Gwent (8)</p> <p><i>Mitigation:</i> Increased understanding of the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across Gwent (8)</p> <p><i>Adaptation:</i> Increased capacity of organisations and individuals, ensuring that they have the tools, skills and guidance necessary to allow them to adapt to the impacts of climate change across Gwent (15)</p> <p><i>Mitigation:</i> Improved resource efficiency, with necessary steps taken towards decarbonisation across Gwent (12)</p>
<p><u>Healthy active connected</u> This theme is about identifying opportunities and collaborative interventions that protect and improve health and well-being; connecting people, communities and service delivery to nature for the benefit of both people and the environment.</p>	<p>Nature-based solutions to health inequalities delivered across Gwent (15)</p> <p>Increase understanding of how nature-based solutions can deliver better health and well-being outcomes across Gwent (11)</p>

	Increase capacity of organisations and individuals, ensuring that they have the skills, tools and knowledge necessary to deliver nature-based solutions for health and well-being for people across Gwent (6)
Ways of working This theme is about identifying the benefits of strategic regional collaboration and identifying what we need to do once, well, at a regional scale to maximise local delivery. This strategic theme adds value to the ways in which our natural resources are managed collaboratively, maximising the benefits they provide.	<p>Outcomes across all strategic themes underpinned by ways of working differently together across Gwent (7)</p> <p>Increased understanding of ways of working differently together and improve collaboration and integration between partners across Gwent (8)</p> <p>Increased capacity of organisations and individuals, ensuring that they have the skills, tools and knowledge necessary to work in different ways together across Gwent (3)</p>

South Central Wales

Theme & Aims	Actions & Number of Listed Objectives
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Building resilient ecosystems When natural resources flourish, society and the economy thrive as well. We need to improve the resilience of our ecosystems, enhancing the benefits they provide and preventing the loss of biodiversity	<p>We will be engaging closely with partners to deliver the priorities of the Natural Resources Policy (NRP). In South Central Wales, that will include:</p> <p>a) Public authorities having to consider ecosystem resilience in their decision-making. We will work with them through the Area Statement to develop an evidence base, for instance Ecosystem Profiles, that complements their relevant statutory obligations such as Environment Act section 6 duty, while also identifying criteria such as ecological networks to be used in local planning decisions and green infrastructure assessments. Following feedback, we will both lead on ecosystem resilience (through South Central Wales' operational area plans) and work with others, such as local nature partnerships, to create a shared understanding of ecosystem resilience and the services they provide.</p> <p>b) We will work with Public Service Boards (which aim to improve joint-working across all public services in local authority areas throughout Wales) to ensure that green infrastructure is a key consideration in future</p>
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	<p>well-being assessments and well-being plans, meeting the goals of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.</p> <p>c) We will work with NRW staff and partners on the development of a local approach to woodland creation for the South Central Wales area, building on the Woodlands Ecosystem Profile to support this approach.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(each elaborated in narrative form)</i></p>
<p><u>Connecting people with nature</u> The natural environment provides fantastic opportunities for well-being. Through the Area Statement, we are improving the way that our natural resources – and the benefits they afford us – are valued.</p>	<p>The Area Statement will ensure that the benefits and opportunities that our natural resources provide are understood, and that this shared vision in the natural environment is absorbed into the decision-making process. (8)</p>
<p><u>Working with water</u> Through this Area Statement, we want to ensure that the water environments of South Central Wales are protected, managed and enhanced for the benefit of present and future generations.</p>	<p>Maintaining, enhancing and restoring floodplains and hydrogeological systems to reduce flood risk and improve water quality and quantity</p> <p>Restoring uplands and managing them for biodiversity, carbon, water, flood risk, energy and recreational benefits</p> <p>Increasing green infrastructure in and around urban areas</p> <p>Reducing the risk of flooding</p>
<p><u>Improving our health</u> We believe a healthy society isn't one that waits for people to become ill. We all share a common responsibility to look at how our health is shaped by a broad range of social, cultural, political, economic and environmental factors, and to act accordingly for the benefit of future generations.</p>	<p>Public bodies to take account of the beneficial role that the natural environment plays by integrating health and well-being into policy</p> <p>NRW will continue to represent the natural environment in Public Service Boards, supporting initiatives that seek health benefits, with this Area Statement influencing the next round of well-being assessments</p> <p>We will look to support health strategies such as 'Healthy Weight Healthy Wales', together with local initiatives providing access to healthy, sustainable food</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(each elaborated in narrative form)</i></p>

<p><u>Improving our air quality</u> Air quality is a major issue in the highly urban environment of South Central Wales, described by Public Health Wales as an urgent public health crisis second only to smoking. We need to recognise and value the role that resilient ecosystems can play in improving the area's air quality, ensuring that the natural environment is put at the heart of the solution.</p>	<p>Continue to work with One Planet Cardiff, Public Health Wales and the Welsh Government to ensure that our Area Statement adds value (e.g. the Clean Air Cardiff initiative) to the 'Clean Air Plan For Wales' consultation process.</p> <p>Working with local authorities and other bodies to assess and expand the 'green infrastructure', while also joining forces with public and private landowners, together with the Welsh Government, to develop a local approach to woodland creation aimed at enhancing ecosystem resilience.</p> <p>Reducing noise pollution and pollution levels in our air, and enhancing air quality.</p> <p>Supporting preventative approaches to health outcomes, with a particular focus on the key public health issues of transport-related air and noise pollution, along with tackling physical inactivity and mental health.</p> <p>Reduce the pressures on natural resources, for instance through resource efficiency and renewable energy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(each elaborated in narrative form)</i></p>
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South West Wales	
Theme & Aims	Actions & Number of Listed Objectives
<p><u>Reducing health inequalities</u> This theme aims to examine the opportunities to address health inequalities in South West Wales by using natural resources and habitats</p>	<p>Open green spaces and urban green infrastructure</p>

	<p>Recreation activities and use of green and blue active travel</p> <p>Protecting the environment for our well-being</p> <p>Climate change</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(each elaborated in narrative form)</i></p>
<p><u>Ensuring sustainable land management</u> Ensuring our land is sustainably managed for future generations</p>	<p>Maintain productive capacity of our land with a priority being improving soil quality and biosecurity</p> <p>Improving the quality and quantity of our water</p> <p>Increasing carbon stores in soils and biomass (plant or animal material) and ensuring areas are protected to do so</p> <p>Reversing the decline in biodiversity</p> <p>Reducing the risk of flooding</p> <p>Supporting secure and stable employment</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(each elaborated in narrative form)</i></p>
<p><u>Reversing the decline of, and enhancing, biodiversity</u> This theme aims to explore how we can reverse the decline of biodiversity by building resilient ecological networks.</p>	<p>Enhancing species and habitat connectivity</p> <p>Reversing the decline in biodiversity and restoring resilient ecosystems</p> <p>Responding to the climate change threat and adopting ecosystem approaches to help</p> <p>Reducing noise pollution and pollution levels in our air, and enhance air quality</p> <p>Improving the quality and ensuring the quantity of our water</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(each elaborated in narrative form)</i></p>

<p><u>Cross-cutting theme: mitigating and adapting to a changing climate</u> This theme looks at how we can adapt and respond to a changing climate</p>	<p>Continue to work with Public Services Board (PSB) partners, non-government organisations and business in taking a co-ordinated approach to tackle climate change. (5)</p> <p>Increase the creation of natural carbon sinks, locking carbon within biomass in habitats such as peatlands, grasslands, woodland, seagrass and kelp. (3)</p> <p>Working with natural processes to mitigate the effects of climate change including flooding and droughts (3)</p> <p>Working with the third and educational sector to reconnect people with nature and encourage behaviour change (1)</p>
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Mid Wales	
Theme & Aims	Actions & Number of Listed Objectives

<p><u>Improving biodiversity</u> The loss of biodiversity in mid Wales is something we urgently need to reverse. This theme looks at what is needed to improve the resilience and quality of our ecosystems. Within this theme, we will explore how to better manage habitats to address the balance of biodiversity by improving how they connect. By doing so, this will help us begin to address the Nature Emergency in Mid Wales.</p>	<p>Identifying the main causes of the nature emergency including what needs to be done, by whom and where</p> <p>Improving the Favourable Conservation Status of designated sites</p> <p>Identifying opportunities for connectivity between those sites and other areas</p> <p>Making nature a priority through planning, policy and practical measures</p> <p>Seeking innovative measures and alternative options for tackling invasive non-native species, especially near water courses</p>
<p><u>Sustainable land, water and air</u> Mid Wales' landscape, character and culture is defined by farming and agriculture, which has shaped the way of life here for centuries, and continues to do so.</p>	<p>Support farm businesses through ways of working that minimise impacts on the environment</p>

	<p>Take measures to reduce pollution incidents through better management of potential sources of pollution (such as slurry & manure stores)</p> <p>Work with businesses, communities and policy makers to review current agricultural policies and schemes and explore new options for Payment for Ecosystem Services</p> <p>Manage our water resources to improve the quality and quantity of available water, without causing detriment to the natural environment</p> <p>Help to create adaptive and resilient communities in response to adverse weather events and climate change</p>
<p><u>Reconnecting people and places</u> The natural environment of Mid Wales is one of the area's greatest assets. Its rural character features remote uplands, mountains, coastline, reservoirs and borderlands, making it an ideal location to reconnect people with the outdoors.</p>	<p>Promote sustainable tourism opportunities to help boost the local economy</p> <p>Promote, encourage and support sustainable recreation, reconnect local people and visitors with access to the natural environment</p> <p>Look for new ways in which people can connect with their local environment to help improve their health and well-being</p> <p>Work with different organisations to develop opportunities for using the natural environment on our doorstep as a tool in preventative medicine</p> <p>Develop the evidence base to further support the theories around health and well-being and links to the natural environment</p>
<p><u>Forestry resources</u> Mid Wales is the biggest producer of Welsh timber. Forests and woodlands also offer additional benefits for biodiversity, conservation, recreation and well-being.</p>	<p>Managing forest resources sustainably, while also supporting the timber industry</p> <p>Increasing woodland cover with conifer, broadleaved and mixed woodland, following the 'right tree, right place' principle (which ensures that important areas that are already storing significant carbon, support priority habitats and species, or are protected sites are not planted with trees where there are negative effects on the interest of the site)</p> <p>Supporting training and local employment opportunities in forest management and skills</p>

	<p>Valuing woodlands for their commercial, recreational and biodiversity value</p> <p>Adapting to the impacts of tree disease and climate change</p> <p>Working with policy makers to balance the need for re-stocking upland plantations whilst avoiding damage to natural peatland habitats</p> <p>Seeking opportunities for carbon capture and storage through well managed woodlands <i>(each elaborated in narrative form)</i></p>
<p>Climate change Climate change is one of the defining issues of our time. We want to ensure that everything we deliver through our Area Statement takes account of the climate emergency, forming part of our response to it.</p>	<p>Rather than creating a fifth theme focusing solely on climate change, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) want to ensure that everything delivered Organisations and individuals need to alter their behaviour to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to become more resilient to the impacts of climate change.</p> <p>Work in a way that promotes action which mitigates against the effects of climate change.</p> <p>Support our natural environment and build resilient communities that are adaptable and fit for the future.</p> <p>Have a new kind of conversation involving people from as many backgrounds as possible and adding a community perspective to the climate emergency debate.</p> <p>Look for opportunities under the area themes to adopt appropriate measures that will take account of and reduce the impacts of the climate emergency that we are facing.</p> <p>Embed the reality of the climate emergency across the breadth of the work we do. <i>(each elaborated in narrative form)</i></p>

North East Wales	
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<p><u>Climate emergency</u> We live in a North East Wales where we respond to the climate emergency, and our built and natural landscapes, supporting infrastructure, economy and society are climate ready, adaptable and resilient to climate change.</p>	<p>Climate emergency: resilience and adaptation</p> <p><i>(No further elaboration or narrative)</i></p>
<p><u>Develop and improve urban and rural green infrastructure</u></p> <p>In North East Wales, we have greener more inviting urban areas providing multiple benefits and supporting people in leading healthier more active lifestyles. Nature-based solutions deliver a wide range of environmental and health and well-being benefits for our communities.</p>	<p>Develop and improve urban/rural green infrastructure</p> <p><i>(No further elaboration or narrative)</i></p>
<p><u>Increasing woodlands</u></p> <p>North East Wales will be known for its high-quality woodlands. New woodland creation will reflect landscape character and local culture, whilst delivering the wealth of environmental, economic and social benefits that woodlands and forests have to offer.</p>	<p>Increasing woodland cover for social, environmental and economic benefits</p> <p><i>(No further elaboration or narrative)</i></p>
<p><u>Promoting the resilience of ecosystems in maintaining and enhancing biodiversity</u> We live in a vibrant and biodiverse North East Wales where we reverse the decline in biodiversity, and key species and habitats are valued and understood by its communities.</p>	<p>Promoting the resilience of ecosystems in maintaining and enhancing biodiversity</p> <p><i>(No further elaboration or narrative)</i></p>
<p><u>Farming and sustainable land management</u></p> <p>A sustainable, resilient agricultural food and land management system which supports livelihoods, protects soil and water, maintains and enhances biodiversity whilst also reducing greenhouse gas emissions significantly contributes to public good.</p>	<p>Protecting water and soil through farming and sustainable land management</p> <p><i>(No further elaboration or narrative)</i></p>

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<p><u>Ways of working</u> This theme captures how this Area Statement is at the start of an ongoing way of working an iterative process encouraging us to work together with continuous feedback and discussion.</p>	<p>Being open and honest about potential barriers, sharing good practice and celebrating the positives around communications</p> <p>Integrate and work with established processes such as the Local Development Plan and site regulation at a local and national level, also tapping into wider processes and not staying within the tramlines of the environmental sector</p> <p>Generating, sharing, understanding and communicating the messages of each data set (and importantly identifying information gaps) about the environment and other issues across North West Wales - to determine the links between neighbours with a focus on the collaborative delivery of operational activity</p> <p>Facilitating working together and wider involvement – looking at ways to make improvements in the way we all work together, ranging from information to direct interventions</p> <p>Managing expectations relating to requested resources that don't align to the Area Statement work</p> <p>Improving understanding and opportunities for learning within organisations and communities, providing a wide range of suggestions to improve learning and understanding about North West Wales and the issues it faces.</p> <p>Challenging ourselves to regularly reflect and look for better ways of achieving shared outcomes</p>
<p><u>Climate and environment emergency</u> Due to its breadth and influence, stakeholders identified the climate and environment emergency as the most important and overarching theme for the North West Area Statement.</p>	<p>Use nature-based solutions to tackle climate change, such as improving management of forests and peatlands to increase greater storage of carbon and water</p> <p>Work collectively with partners to:-</p>

Tap into natural flood risk management to reduce the risk of flooding and coastal erosion to areas across the North West

Be more energy efficient using renewable energy where possible, like wind and tidal, supporting community energy groups

Increase education and awareness on climate change encouraging individual action

Create an action plan in North Wales to mitigate the declared climate change emergency

Creation of a smart infrastructure for electric and hydrogen vehicles transitioning to an accessible low carbon public transport system

Encourage more participation in car sharing and public transport to help in reducing carbon emissions

Support local farms and food producers to reduce food miles and carbon emissions, while benefitting local workforce and land management

Develop a single point of information that communities can access, creating a simple way to communicate with them.

Reduce waste, encourage re-use of materials, support recycling and composting across businesses and households

Encourage natural flood management techniques, including: restoring degraded peatland, tree planting in the uplands and reinstating hedgerows

Climate regulation through the restoration of more natural river morphology will help to make fish and invertebrate habitats more resilient to impacts of climate change

Be more energy efficient, using renewable energy and natural assets where possible, such as wind and tidal, supporting community power companies

	<p>Work together to plan how we can make large infrastructure like roads and railways, and developments like caravan sites near the coast more resilient and sustainable</p> <p>Explore the potential for building community cohesion and grassroots action, policy initiatives, and run training and education programmes to support community resilience to climate change</p>
<p><u>Encouraging a sustainable economy</u> This theme is about working together so that sustainable opportunities for the economy and the environment are developed. This includes identifying sustainable approaches to economic opportunities that enhance the natural resources unique to North West Wales.</p>	<p>Sustainable development requirements highlighted by external stakeholders (17)</p> <p>Identify opportunities related to the Area economy (10)</p> <p>Working with others to envision and implement a sustainable tourism plan (12)</p> <p>Working with others to develop sustainable transport provision (3)</p> <p>Working with stakeholders on provision of sustainable goods & services (4)</p>
<p><u>Reconnecting people with nature</u> Creating opportunities to access and understand the value of the countryside so that communities can reconnect, understand, engage and influence the creative use of the local natural environment.</p>	<p>Work with external stakeholders to highlight needs (5) and issues (4)</p> <p>Assess access opportunities for, and benefits of:- Parks, gardens & urban green spaces (3), Mixed species woodlands (5) Rivers & inland water (3) Wetland & Bogs (4) Mountains, Moors & Heaths (3) Coasts & Beaches (2)</p> <p>Creatively reconnecting people with their local environment to improve their physical and mental health</p> <p>Creatively connecting people to their surroundings and immediate environment through integration into everyday life</p> <p>Increased community participation and better access to land managed by NRW and partners</p> <p>Develop recreation and access opportunities to water</p> <p>Ensure good connectivity of access opportunities for all abilities</p> <p>Ensure traditional rural woodland craft skills are maintained</p>

<p><u>Opportunities for a resilient ecosystem</u> This theme includes ensuring that we all work together to improve ecosystem resilience in the area. We need to reverse the decline, and act to enrich biodiversity. This theme links closely with Vital Nature, NRW's strategic steer for biodiversity.</p>	<p>Work with external stakeholders on the need to:-</p> <p>Take a place-based approach for managing the range of ecosystems services for social, economic and environmental benefit</p> <p>Restore uplands and manage them for biodiversity, carbon, water, flood risk, energy and recreational benefits</p> <p>Improve connectivity between designated sites supporting their resilience</p> <p>Maintain and enhance ecosystems through combating the loss of biodiversity</p> <p>Work with external stakeholders to identify key issues (12)</p>
<p><u>Supporting sustainable land management</u> Working with air, land and water managers across North West Wales to promote and develop sustainable resource management contributing to the health of all life in the area.</p>	<p>Work with external stakeholders to identify principal aims and objectives (6) and issues (23) for delivering sustainable land management, recognising the distinctive natural and farming landscape character of North West Wales, current political and economic uncertainty</p>

Marine (Protected)
Area

Theme & Aims	Actions & Number of Listed Objectives
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<p><u>Building resilience of marine ecosystems</u></p> <p>This theme looks at what we understand about the marine environment around Wales and how we can build the resilience of our marine ecosystems.</p> <p>‘Wales has a sustainable and resilient coastline through the delivery of coastal adaptation in line with Shoreline Management Plans and nature-based solutions as a part of coastal management wherever possible’.</p>	<p>Create a shared responsibility for improving and sustaining more resilient marine ecosystems (4)</p> <p>Improve and apply our understanding of how we can build resilience in the marine environment (4)</p> <p>Ensure the effective and consistent management of the MPA network so that it can support ecosystem resilience of the wider marine environment (3)</p> <p>Achieve a MPA network that is ecologically coherent and which supports ecosystem resilience (2)</p>
<p><u>Nature-based solutions and adaptation at the coast</u></p> <p>What are the opportunities to deliver nature-based solutions and adaptation at the coast, supporting Wales to have a coastline that is sustainable and resilient to climate change?</p> <p>Shoreline Management Plans are high-level plans that set out where we should continue to defend the coastline and where it would be more sustainable to adapt over time ...with one of the following management policies for each period of time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold the line by maintaining or changing the existing standard of protection • Advance the line by extending new defences in to the sea (none applied in Wales) • Managed realignment which allows the shoreline to move backwards and forwards, with management to control or limit the movement • No active intervention where there is no investment in coastal defences and natural processes are allowed 	<p>Improve public understanding of the issue (3)</p> <p>Improve access to guidance and information (2)</p> <p>Address the complex legal requirements that can be a barrier to implementation (1)</p> <p>Improve understanding about the benefits and risks associated with nature-based solutions (1)</p> <p>Support the planning and prioritisation of key work (5)</p> <p>Determine how funding and incentivisation can help to support implementation of Shoreline Management Plan policies and more nature-based solutions (3)</p>
<p><u>Making the most of marine planning</u></p> <p>What needs to happen to ensure marine planning can support the sustainable management of marine natural resources?</p>	<p>To use the best available evidence to make decisions in planning (3)</p> <p>To ensure the marine planning process enables nature recovery (4)</p>

We have worked with the Welsh Government Marine [Planning Stakeholder Reference Group](#) to explore and develop this theme. The group includes a range of partners with different backgrounds and expertise in the marine area and include:

Marine industry bodies such as Marine Energy Wales and the Welsh Fishermen's Association

User groups such as the Royal Yachting Association

Universities

Non-governmental bodies such as the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the Marine Conservation Society

Public bodies such as the Welsh Local Government Association

To support sustainable renewable energy development whilst ensuring that the marine environment is protected and enhanced (5)

To achieve effective integration of marine and terrestrial planning (5)