

# **Southwark LBAP Core Partnership**

## **Terms of reference**

### **Mission Statement**

The Partnerships function is to produce a Local Biodiversity Action Plan for the London Borough of Southwark.

The Partnership will work together to produce Generic Action, Habitat Action and Species Action Plans for Southwark.

### **Problem Statement**

The issue to be addressed by this partnership is the production of a Local Biodiversity Action Plan. The plan is a key objective of the council and links with Regional and National Biodiversity objectives. This will determine management of biodiversity in the Borough of Southwark and include Conservation, Enhancement and Promotion of biodiversity. There are a number of internal and external influences impacting on this partnership.

The corporate aims of the council need to be met when producing the Local Biodiversity Action Plan. These are, making the Borough greener, raising education standards, improving health and reducing poverty.

The Regional and National aims and legislation will impact on this Partnership and Plans.

Biodiversity can cover a matrix of disciplines and topics. It can be argued that biodiversity has relevance in education, health, economic well being, community involvement and sustainability. The focus of this partnership will be influenced by this issue.

These objectives and the physical management of biodiversity need to be united. Having no designated budget a demanding time scale and a historically vacant ecology officer post challenges this.

There are many different Council departments and external bodies that need to work together to realise the objective. The Projects aim is to have the generic actions and the first round of Habitat and Species action plans published and on the web site by the end of October 2005.

## **Boundaries**

The boundaries that apply to this partnership are:

Time, stage 1 produced by end February 2006

Press, All press releases/comments must be passed by the council's communications officer before submission.

Scope, the plan will cover Actions for Biodiversity across the Borough of Southwark but will be an evolving document so not all habitats and species of nature importance will be covered in the first round of action plans.

## **Issues**

There are specific issues that need to be addressed, these are:

Addressing the management of habitats and species important to Southwark.

Producing a generic actions plan, which will cover a broad range of issues.

Consultations, full consultation of internal and external bodies will be undertaken, once done there will be no time to consider further approaches.

Transparency, this partnership will have to be able to stand public scrutiny.

Reporting, progress updates needs to be done by each member to keep to the time frame and objectives.

## **Outcomes**

The desired output of this partnership will be a Local Biodiversity Action Plan. This will consist of Generic actions, Habitat actions and Species action.

Consultation will be undertaken with internal and external bodies.

Publication, the LBAP will be published both in hard copy and on the Web site. Promotion of all members involved will result from this plan.

Launch, there will be a launch of the plan in Spring 2006.

## **Partnership members**

In no particular order

TRUE, LWT, Groundwork Southwark, Dulwich Estate, BOST, Centre for Wildlife Gardening and Southwark Council Departments, Planning policy, environment & Leisure, Education, Highways, Housing, Regeneration, and Southwark Environment Forum.