

Natural environment

Our natural environment plays a key role in helping reduce emissions. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown the value of having green spaces which are easily accessible to people's homes, protected and of good quality.

Local nature recovery strategy

We will work with partners to produce a Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS). This strategy will drive a more coordinated, practical and action-focussed approach.

Some of the ways we will do this is by:

- Working with existing partnerships and stakeholder groups to create the principles and scope for the LNRS. They will shape its evidence and give an oversight for the development of the work.
- Mapping and valuing our region's existing and new natural spaces.

Land-use data evidence

We will use data and evidence to further our knowledge about land-use and agriculture.

Some of the ways we will do this is by:

- Carrying out analysis of the carbon intensity of local farming techniques.
- Undertaking work, in partnership with others, on the conditions of peatland landscapes and how they can be restored.

Green social prescribing

We will work with the West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership to provide nature-based activities for some of the most vulnerable communities.

Some of the ways we will do this is by:

- Extending existing schemes.
- Considering additional funding to green social prescribing.

Nature recovery schemes for net zero

We will support those responsible for managing and restoring land and production schemes.

Some of the ways we will do this is by:

- Considering a grant programme for land-use activities in communities.
- Supporting partners to restore our natural landscapes including peatland.

Farmer and landowner information and support services

We will equip farmers and landowners with information and support to make decisions that are both good for their business and the environment.

Some of the ways we will do this is by:

- Developing a database of trusted and impartial advisors.
- Creating knowledge networks to share best practice and the latest evidence.