

# Leeds City Region Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy Plan on a page

Our region's green and blue spaces and waterways are among its defining characteristics. This strategy and delivery plan sets out how we will make the most of the region's amazing natural assets to help our economy prosper, enable people to enjoy a great quality of life, and combat the effects of climate change.

## Our vision

We want to ensure that everyone in Leeds City Region has easy access to a high-quality, safe and well-used network of footpaths, cycleways, green spaces, waterways and wildlife habitats. This "green and blue infrastructure" will contribute towards a strong economy, a sustainable environment and outstanding quality of life.

It is also part of our ultimate goal of making Leeds City Region a **zero carbon economy** underpinned by high quality green and blue infrastructure.

## Our priorities

To achieve our ambitions we will focus on seven priority action areas:



1. **Effective water management and flood risk reduction** – developing natural flood management programmes and drainage solutions



2. **Build green and blue infrastructure into physical development and housing** – creating vibrant, healthy and inspiring places where people want to live, work and invest



3. **Enhance green and blue corridors and networks** – integrating green and blue infrastructure within the transport routes that link our towns, cities and rural areas



4. **Improve community access to and enjoyment of green and blue infrastructure** – building healthier, more environmentally sustainable communities



5. **Plant and manage more trees and woodlands** – improving air quality, reducing carbon emissions and creating a greener, even more attractive region



6. **Restore the uplands and manage them sustainably** – improving natural flood management, carbon storage and providing an agricultural system that works for the region



7. **Business growth, jobs, skills and education** – demonstrating the economic benefits of investing in green and blue infrastructure and developing skills and job opportunities in green occupations such as land management, agriculture, forestry, parks and gardens

## The difference we will make

- **Reduced risk of flooding** for communities and business across the City Region
- **Improved air and water quality**
- **Better carbon storage** from increased numbers of trees and restored peatlands
- **Improved health and wellbeing** among residents
- **Greener, more attractive places** to live, work and invest in a stronger, more productive economy

## Find out more

Read our Energy Strategy executive summary or the full document here. [#zerocarbonlcr](#)