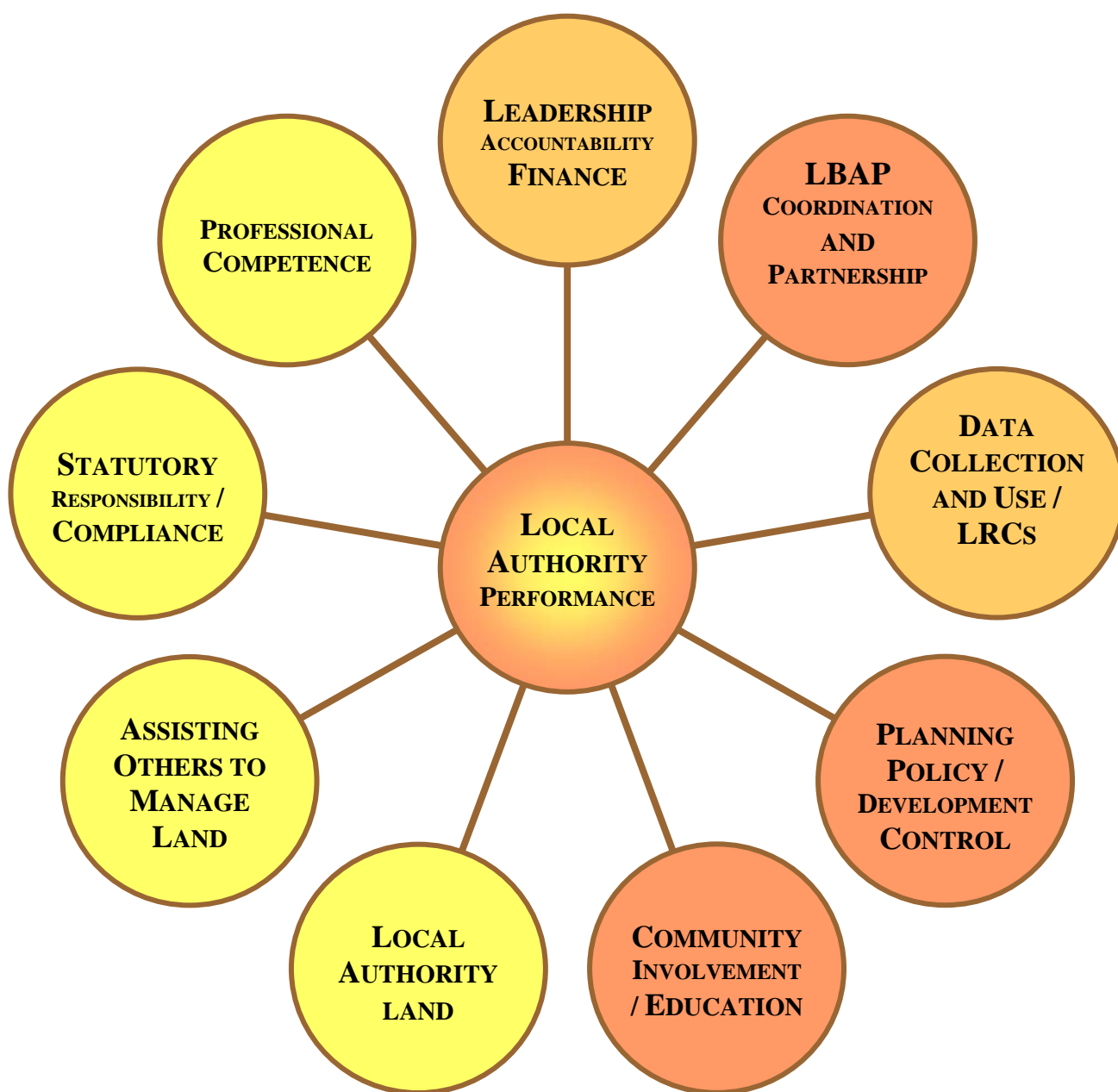


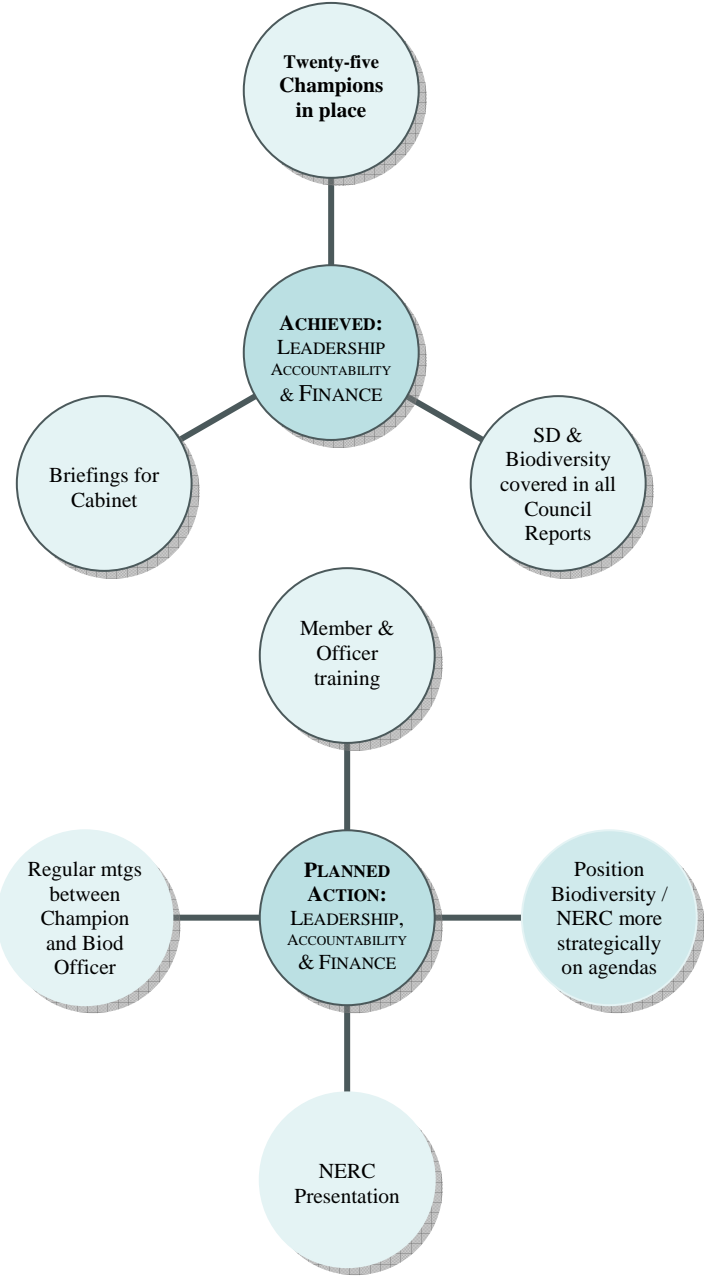
NERC ACT 2006: S40
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BIODIVERSITY DUTY IN LOCAL
GOVERNMENT IN WALES
 HEADLINE FINDINGS: PERFORMANCE UNDER FUNCTIONAL AREAS¹
 BASED ON INFORMATION COLLECTED DURING VISITS TO BIODIVERSITY
 CHAMPIONS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2008 - 09²






¹ Ref: ALGE Publication: *Increasing the momentum: A Vision Statement for Biodiversity in Local Government 2004-2010*

² Deeper colours indicate that more local authorities are performing well in the relevant field.





**MOST FREQUENT ACTIONS CHOSEN TO DEMONSTRATE ACHIEVEMENTS AND INTENTIONS:
LEADERSHIP, ACCOUNTABILITY AND FINANCE**



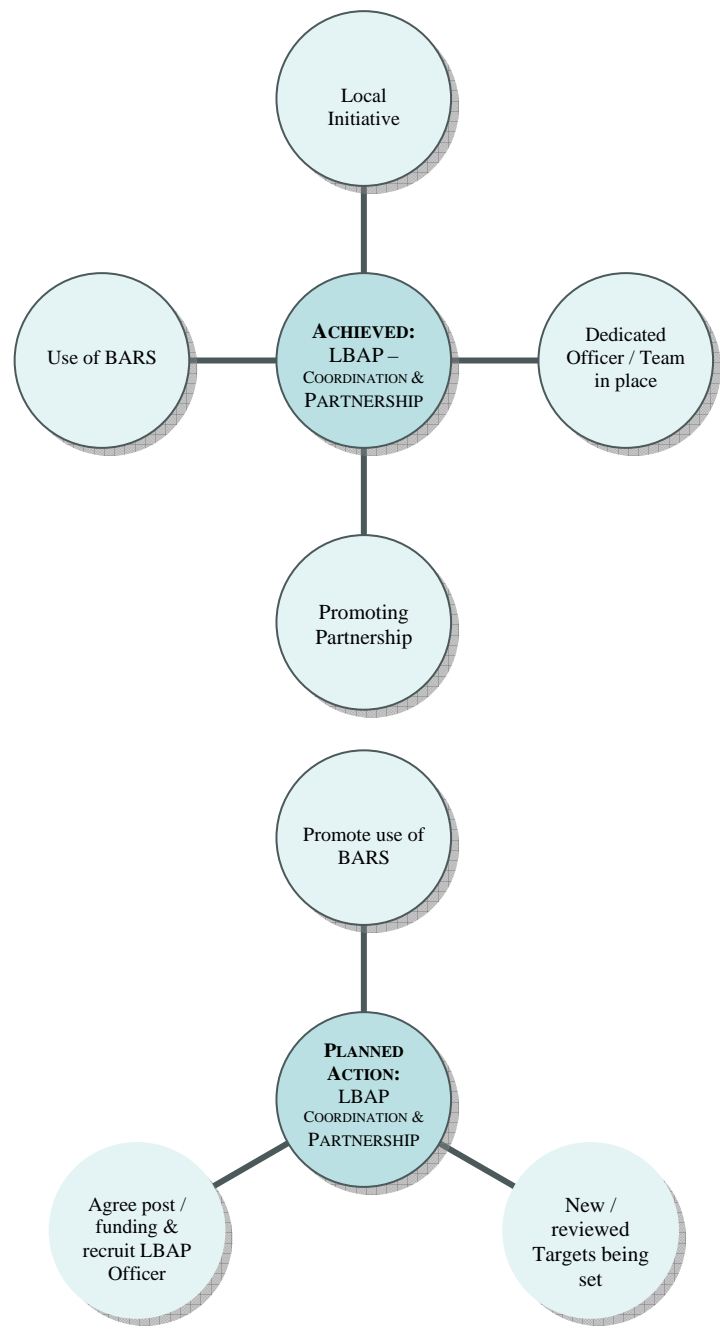
TOP ACHIEVEMENTS

-  Champions in place
-  SD and biodiversity in all reports
-  Briefings for Cabinet





TOP PLANNED ACTIONS

-  Member and officer training
-  NERC Biodiversity Duty presentations
-  Meetings with LBAP Officers and Ecologists
-  Positioning of biodiversity/NERC Duty “strategically” on agendas




MOST FREQUENT ACTIONS CHOSEN TO DEMONSTRATE ACHIEVEMENTS AND INTENTIONS: LBAP COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIP



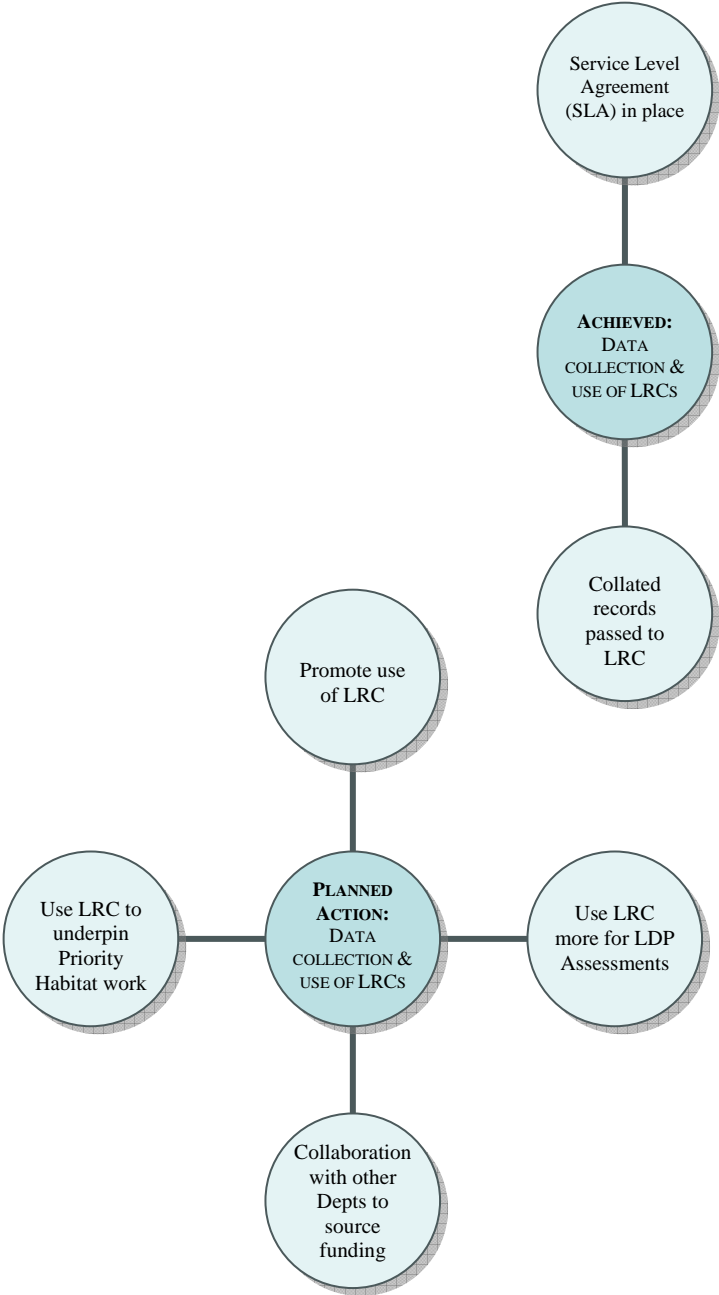
TOP ACHIEVEMENTS

-  Dedicated Officer/Team in place
-  LBAP Partnership promoted
-  Using BARS
-  Supporting local initiatives



TOP PLANNED ACTIONS

-  Revise/set new targets
-  Promote use of BARS
-  Agree funding to recruit LBAP Officer





**MOST FREQUENT ACTIONS CHOSEN TO DEMONSTRATE ACHIEVEMENTS AND INTENTIONS:
DATA COLLECTION AND USE / LRCs**



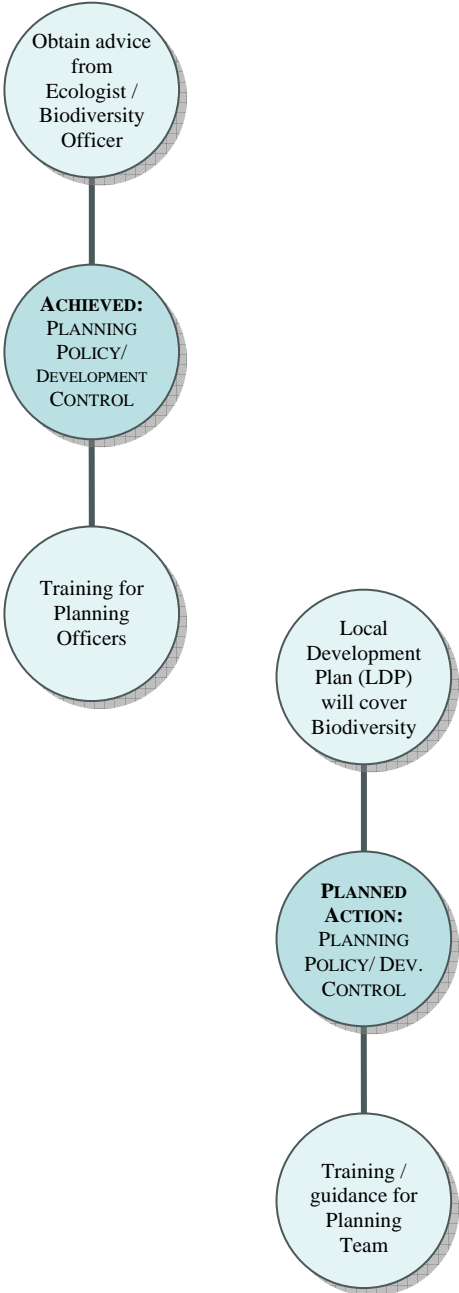
TOP ACHIEVEMENTS

-  Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Local Record Centre (LRC) in place
-  Collated records passed to LRC



TOP PLANNED ACTIONS

-  Collaborate with other departments to fund SLA
-  Promote use of LRC
-  Use LRC more for Local development Plan (LDP) Assessments
-  Commission priority habitat work from LRC



**MOST FREQUENT ACTIONS CHOSEN TO DEMONSTRATE ACHIEVEMENTS AND INTENTIONS:
PLANNING POLICY / DEVELOPMENT CONTROL**



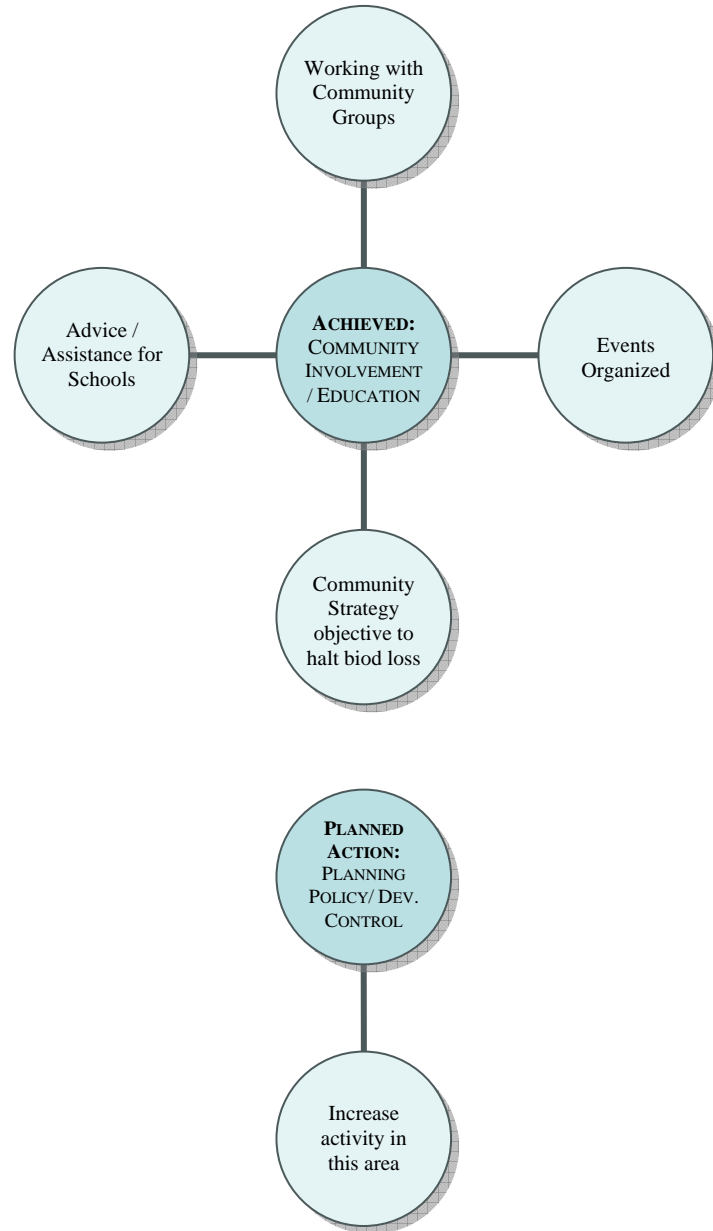
TOP ACHIEVEMENTS

-  Have sought advice from Ecologist and Biodiversity Officer
-  Have trained Planning Officers in biodiversity





TOP PLANNED ACTIONS

-  Cover biodiversity in Local Development Plan (LDP)
-  Provide biodiversity training for Planning Teams


MOST FREQUENT ACTIONS CHOSEN TO DEMONSTRATE ACHIEVEMENTS AND INTENTIONS: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT / EDUCATION



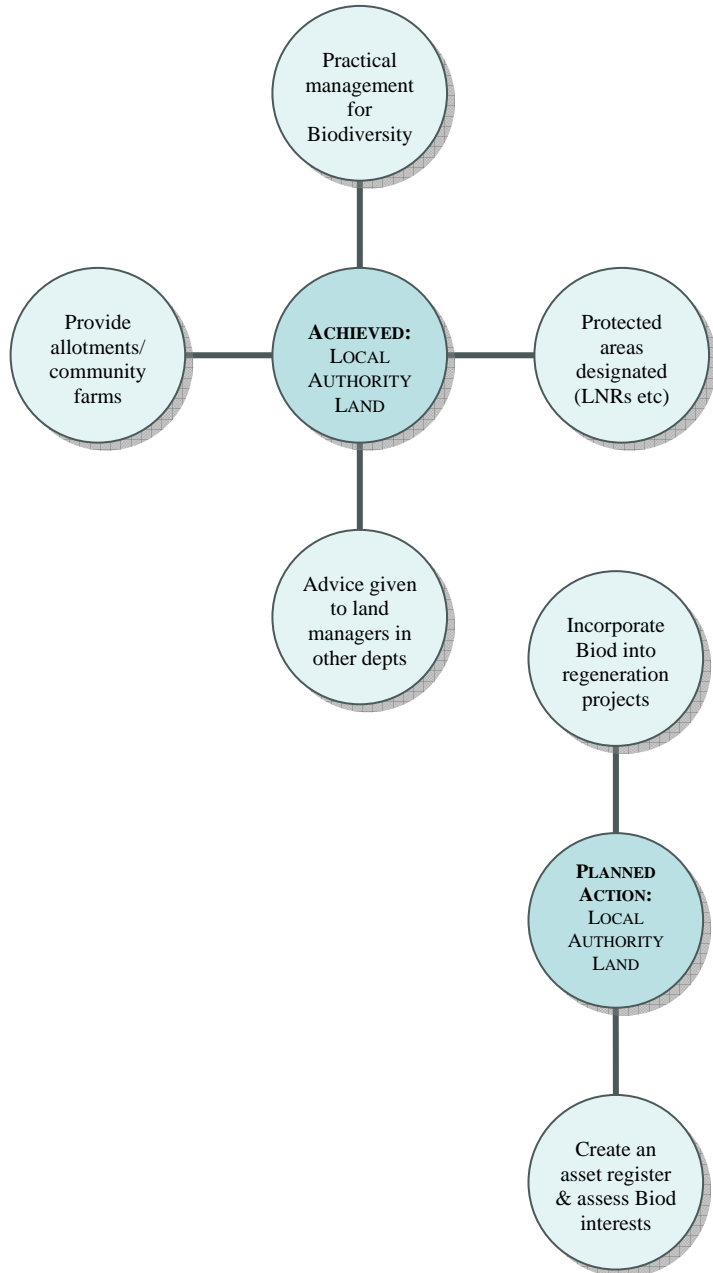
TOP ACHIEVEMENTS

-  Working with community groups
-  Offering advice and assistance to schools
-  Biodiversity as Community Strategy objective
-  Have organised biodiversity events





TOP PLANNED ACTIONS

-  To increase activity related to community groups, schools, events and inclusion of biodiversity in Community Strategies



MOST FREQUENT ACTIONS CHOSEN TO DEMONSTRATE ACHIEVEMENTS AND INTENTIONS: LOCAL AUTHORITY LAND



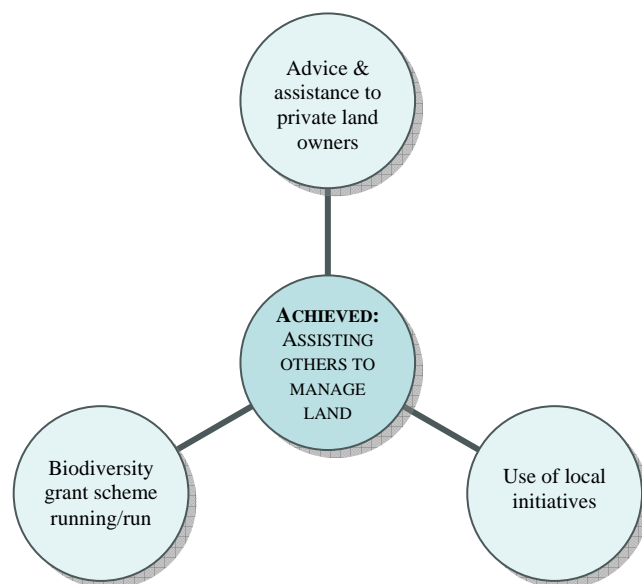
TOP ACHIEVEMENTS

-  Manage own land for biodiversity
-  Take action on protected areas
-  Advise land managers in other departments
-  Provide allotments and community farms




TOP PLANNED ACTIONS

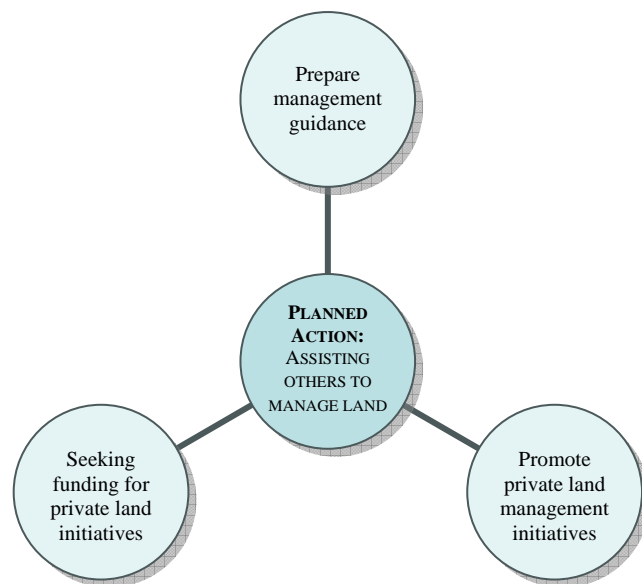
-  Incorporate biodiversity into regeneration projects
-  Create an asset register and assess biodiversity interests

MOST FREQUENT ACTIONS CHOSEN TO DEMONSTRATE ACHIEVEMENTS AND INTENTIONS: ASSISTING OTHERS TO MANAGE LAND






TOP ACHIEVEMENTS

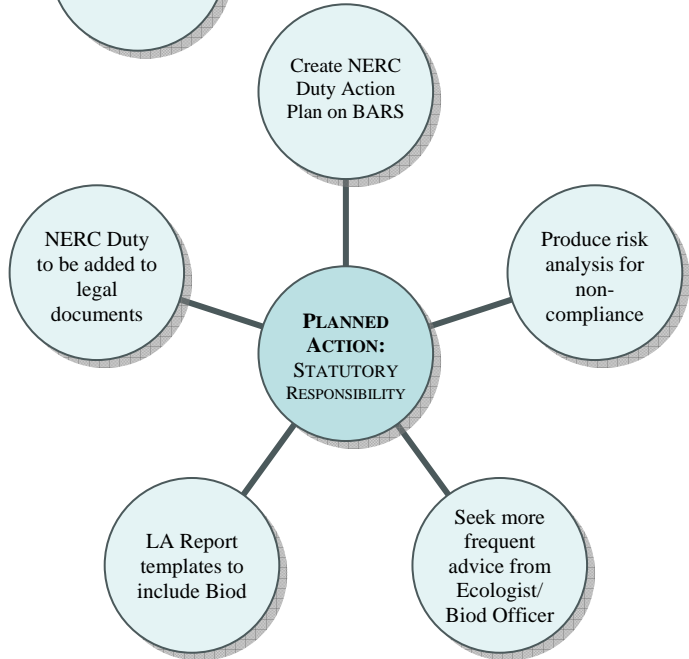
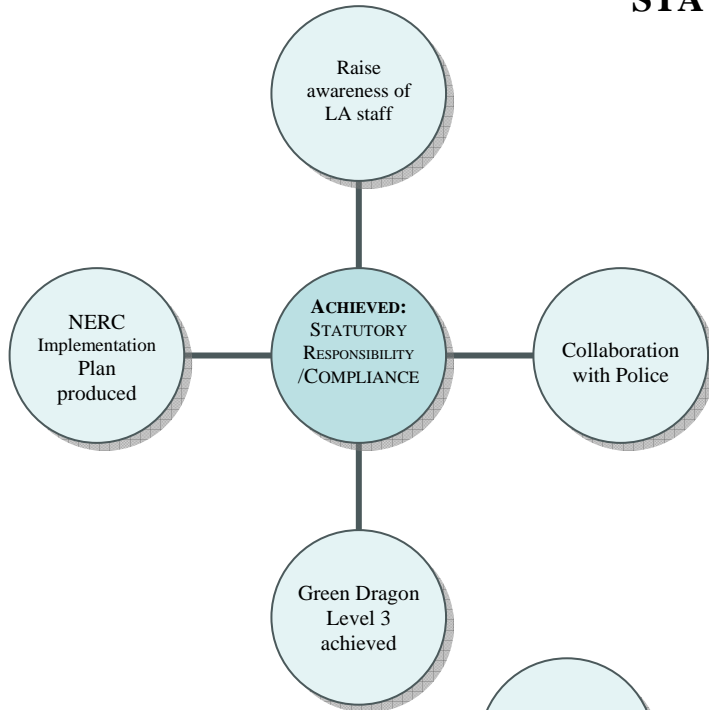
-  Have run/do run a biodiversity grants scheme
-  Have provided land management advice to private land owners
-  Use of local initiatives












TOP PLANNED ACTIONS

-  Promote private land management initiatives
-  Look for funding to support land management initiatives
-  Prepare habitat management guidance

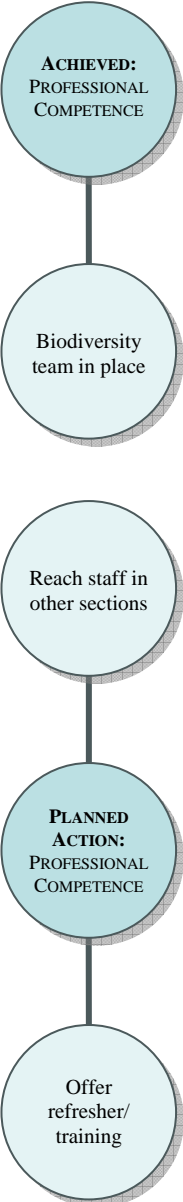
MOST FREQUENT ACTIONS CHOSEN TO DEMONSTRATE ACHIEVEMENTS AND INTENTIONS: STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY




- TOP ACHIEVEMENTS**
-  Raised awareness of biodiversity amongst local authority staff
 -  Collaboration with Police
 -  Achieved Green Dragon standards
 -  Produced NERC Biodiversity Duty implementation plan

- TOP PLANNED ACTIONS**
-  Seeking advice more frequently from Ecologist/Biodiversity Officer
 -  Amend Council report templates to include biodiversity
 -  Produce risk analysis for non-compliance with Biodiversity Duty
 -  Add NERC Duty to legal section of Council reports
 -  Create NERC Duty Action Plan on BARS



MOST FREQUENT ACTIONS CHOSEN TO DEMONSTRATE ACHIEVEMENTS AND INTENTIONS: PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE



TOP ACHIEVEMENTS

 Biodiversity/Ecology Team in place

TOP PLANNED ACTIONS

-  Make contact with and inform staff in other sections about biodiversity
-  Offer biodiversity refresher training to staff