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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Are you bringing forward your own habitat bank for the purposes of offering offsite biodiversity units?2. If so, at what stage of development is it?3. Have you decided methodology for pricing units yet?4. If the answer to Q3 is yes, what is it and is it expected to cover the long-term cost of habitat delivery?5. Please supply a full, redacted or template version of any s106 agreement for such an LPA habitat bank, if it exists.6. Please supply copies of all completed section 106 agreements for other habitat banks in your LPA area.7. What is the total value of biodiversity offsetting contributions paid to the authority over the previous two years?8. Of the total value given in Q7, how much has been deployed into habitat creation, enhancement and management and how much remains unspent?	<p>As partners in the Wigan Greenheart Landscape Recovery Scheme (Defra first round national ELMS pilot), Wigan Council is looking to create bespoke offsite biodiversity units across 44 sites (1446 total ha), through the sale of mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain units to developers, voluntary Biodiversity Net Gain units to private companies and Natural Flood Management outcomes to water companies and local beneficiaries. Wider Carbon credits may also be available to a range of audiences.</p> <p>The project is in a 2-year development phase ending 31 December 2024.</p> <p>Not currently. During the LRS development phase, we need to produce a blended finance plan and business model to create a business case for BNG, NFM and carbon offsetting investment models to Defra.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>This does not currently exist.</p> <p>None currently exist.</p> <p>£45,554</p> <p>All currently remains unspent.</p>