

**REPORT OF THE  
EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CULTURE AND RECREATION**

**PART II**

**DECLARATION OF FOUR NEW LOCAL NATURE RESERVES**

1. Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) are a statutory designation which identifies land, normally managed by a Local Authority, which is of value to local people for accessing the natural environment.
2. LNRs are described by Natural England as for both people and wildlife. They are living green spaces in towns, cities, villages and countryside which are important to people, and support a rich and vibrant variety of wildlife. These areas give easy local access, allowing informal contact with the natural environment. They also provide a great opportunity for people to become involved in the management of their local environment, for educational events and public open days.
3. The Countryside Service currently manages twenty-seven LNRs, 10 of which were declared in 2009. At a meeting earlier this month, four further sites were declared, against set criteria, by the County Council at Danebury Hillfort, Shawford Down, Lepe Point and the Hayling Billy Line.
4. This report arises from consideration of a report by the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation, which is available on Hantsweb at:

[http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/advsearchmeetings/meetingsitemdocuments.htm?sta=&pref=Y&item\\_ID=2190&tab=2](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/advsearchmeetings/meetingsitemdocuments.htm?sta=&pref=Y&item_ID=2190&tab=2)

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