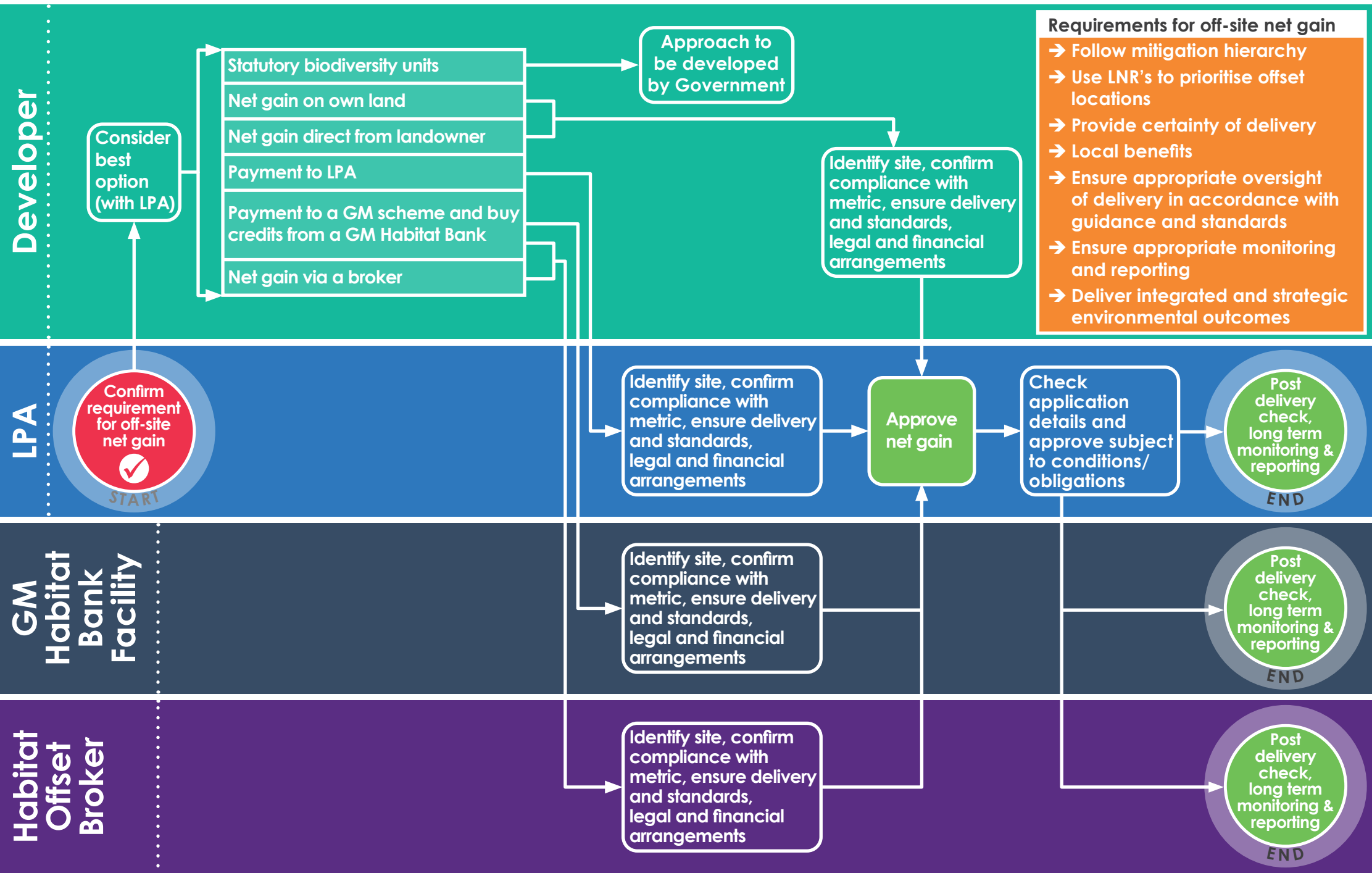


# Off-site Net Gain Process



- Requirements for off-site net gain**
- Follow mitigation hierarchy
  - Use LNR's to prioritise offset locations
  - Provide certainty of delivery
  - Local benefits
  - Ensure appropriate oversight of delivery in accordance with guidance and standards
  - Ensure appropriate monitoring and reporting
  - Deliver integrated and strategic environmental outcomes

# Overview

The flow diagram below shows how Biodiversity Net Gain could be delivered in a different location to a proposed development if it is not possible to deliver the measures on-site and this has been confirmed by the Local Planning Authority. It shows the options for delivery that will need to be considered by the Developer (with the Local Planning Authority) including the purchase of statutory biodiversity units, net gain on own land, net gain direct from a landowner, payment to Local Planning Authority, payment to a Greater Manchester scheme or buy credits from a Greater Manchester Habitat Bank.

The next stage of the process will be for the Developer to identify the site, confirm compliance with metric, ensure delivery and standards, legal and financial arrangements. The Local Planning Authority will then need to approve the net gain and then check the application details and approve subject to conditions or obligations. Depending on which option is chosen the Local Planning Authority, Greater Manchester Habitat Bank Facility or the Habitat Offset Broker will be responsible for post-delivery checks, long-term monitoring and reporting.

The diagram also emphasizes the following requirements for off-site net gain including following the mitigation hierarchy, using Local Nature Recovery Strategies to prioritise offset locations, provide certainty of delivery, local benefits, ensure appropriate oversight of delivery in accordance with guidance and standards, ensure appropriate monitoring and reporting, and to deliver integrated and strategic environmental outcomes

# Presentation

The flow chart image is divided into four horizontal sections with the Developer at the top who will need to consider the best options (with the Local Planning Authority). The Local Planning Authority is on the next horizontal row, confirming the requirement for off-site net gain. The Greater Manchester Habitat Bank Facility and a Habitat Offset Broker occupy the final two rows. All four rows including the Developer, Local Planning Authority, Greater Manchester Habitat Bank Facility and Habitat Offset Broker can help deliver off-site options. Arrows move between each section to show the logical pathway that needs to be taken throughout the decision-making process.