

Task and Finish Groups Update

- Waste Strategy Task and Finish Group held on 28 November
- Climate and Nature Recovery Action Plan Joint T&F group on 15 January 24

For Future:

- Waste - potential follow up session.
- Oxfordshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy
- Climate Adaptation and Resilience
- Other topics as necessary



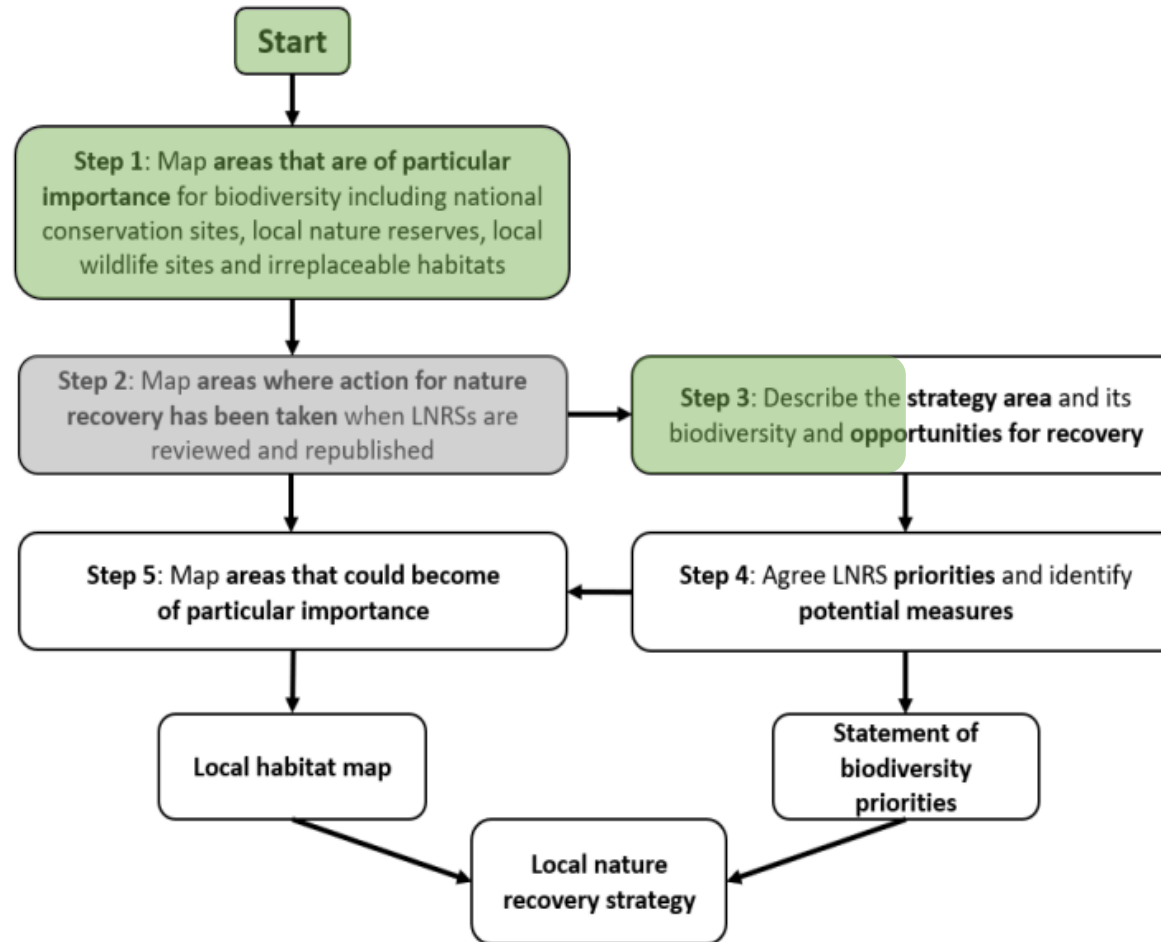
Environment Act Update

- Biodiversity Net Gain will now become mandatory from January 2024 for major applications and April for the rest.
- The draft Regulations and guidance documents were published last week
- Oxfordshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy – now well underway - publication early 2025



LNRS timeline against Natural England performance indicators

Figure 2: Order of steps to be followed in preparing contents of a local nature recovery strategy



Date	Key milestones	Current Status <i>(comments: On track, delays etc)</i>	Complete ?
31 Jan 2024	Create an initial Local Habitat Map (LHM) of areas of particular importance for biodiversity	Completed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
01 Feb 2024	Before February 2024 an engagement plan will have been written, regularly reviewed, and implemented to engage with a wide range of people who own, manage, use and regulate land across Oxfordshire.	On track	<input type="checkbox"/>
01 May 2024	A Statement of Biodiversity priorities and a first iteration of a Local Habitat Map have been created through engagement methods to reflect the priorities of stakeholders	On track	<input type="checkbox"/>
01 July 2024	The Draft LNRS has been approved to go out for public consultation by SAs and RA	On track	<input type="checkbox"/>
01 December 2024	The pre-publication final draft of the LNRS has received confirmation from all SAs that it can be published	On track	<input type="checkbox"/>



Climate Action Scorecards

- Climate Emergency UK are a pressure group formed to hold UK local Authorities to account on Climate Action.
- Climate Action Scorecards are a tool used by CE UK to assess performance, Local Authorities do not get a choice as to whether they participate.
- In January 2022 CE UK launched their first Scorecards and South failed to register a score.
- In 2023 CE UK ran the Scorecards exercise again and South scored 35% compared to a national average for District Councils of 29%.
- This puts South joint 17th out of 153 Districts in England.