

Initial equality impact assessment screening form			
This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.			
Directorate	Environment		
Service area	Environment and Sustainability		
Proposal being screened	Publication of Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for North Yorkshire and York		
Officer(s) carrying out screening	Tim Johns		
What are you proposing to do?	Publish the first iteration of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for North Yorkshire and York		
Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?	Publication of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for North Yorkshire and York is a statutory requirement under the Environment Act 2021. The statutory published outputs are a Statement of Biodiversity Priorities (written strategy document) and Local Habitat Map (online mapping portal)		
Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources? Please give details.	Defra has provided grant funding to NYC for the preparation of the LNRS, accepted by NYC in July 2023. A further allocation has been issued to NYC for FY'25-'26 as the Responsible Authority for the transition into delivery of the LNRS, once the strategy has been published. NYC awaits any potential forthcoming announcement on funding for coordination of LNRS delivery. Funding for FY26/27 has yet to be announced.		
Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYC's additional agreed characteristics			
As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics? Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important? Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to? 			
If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be an adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your directorate representative for advice if you are in any doubt.			
Protected characteristic	Potential for adverse impact		Don't know/No info available
	Yes	No	
Age		X	
Disability		X	
Sex		X	
Race		X	
Sexual orientation		X	
Gender reassignment		X	
Religion or belief		X	

Pregnancy or maternity		X	
Marriage or civil partnership		X	
People in rural areas		X	
People on a low income		X	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)		X	
Are from the Armed Forces Community		X	
Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts (for example, disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	The Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for North Yorkshire and York covers the whole geographical area of North Yorkshire and the City of York. Measures identified in the LNRS may offer opportunities for improved access to the natural environment for all communities.		
Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (for example, partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics? Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.	No. Other organisations have been closely involved in the development of the LNRS and will have a role in the delivery of its objectives (priorities and measures for nature recovery), once published, but the LNRS is not anticipated to have a significant effect on how those other organisations operate.		
Decision (Please tick one option)	EIA not relevant or proportionate:	✓	Continue to full EIA:
Reason for decision	The LNRS is a high-level strategy for the enhancement of habitats, nature and biodiversity across North Yorkshire and the City of York. It is not anticipated to have any adverse impacts on people with protected characteristics.		
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Michael Leah, Assistant Director Environment and Transport		
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