

# 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.
- Local Nature Recovery Strategy
- Climate Adaptation and Resilience
- Other topics as necessary



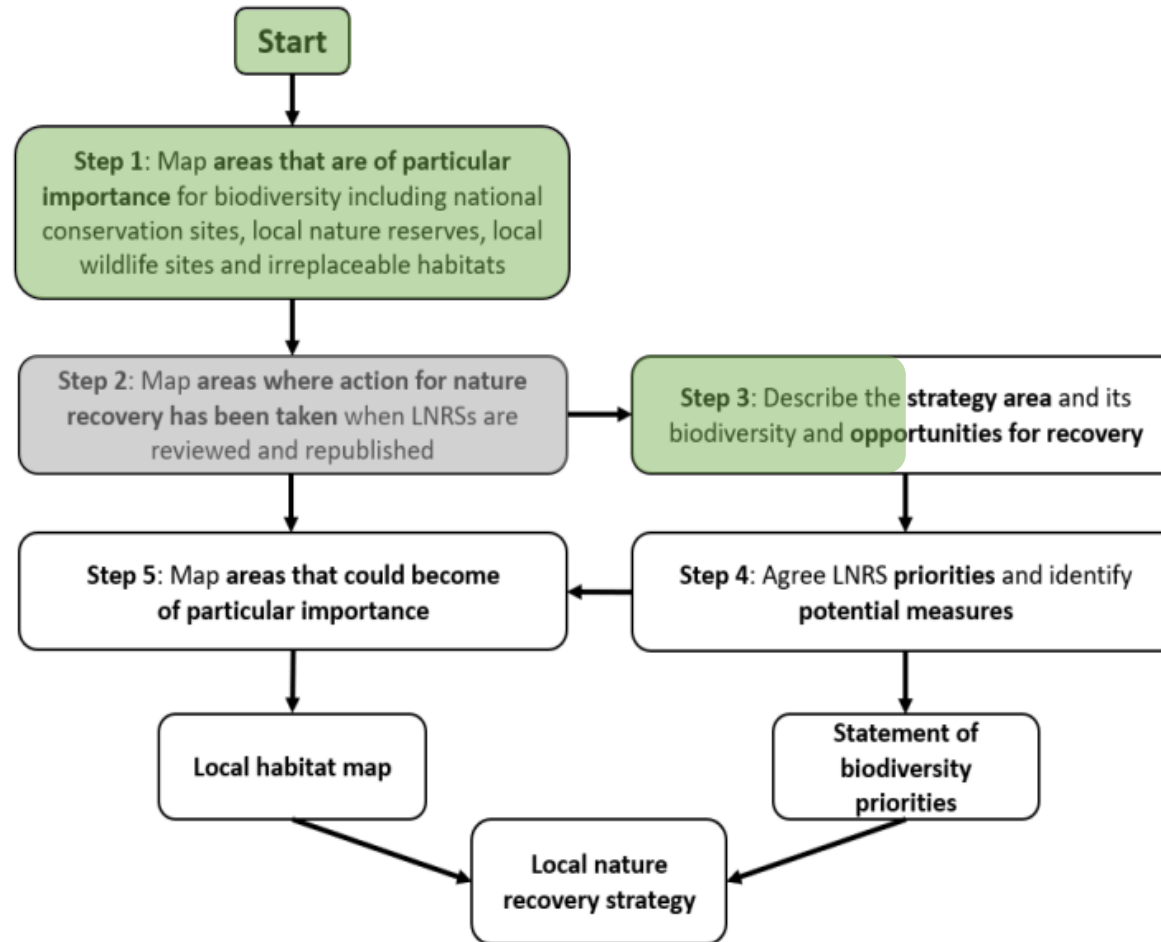
# Environment Act Update

- 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 (comments: On track, delays etc)	Complete ?
31 Jan 2024	<b>Create an initial Local Habitat Map (LHM) of areas of particular importance for biodiversity</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
01 Feb 2024	<b>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.</b>	<b>On track</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01 May 2024	<b>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</b>	<b>On track</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01 July 2024	<b>The Draft LNRS has been approved to go out for public consultation by SAs and RA</b>	<b>On track</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01 December 2024	<b>The pre-publication final draft of the LNRS has received confirmation from all SAs that it can be published</b>	<b>On track</b>	<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 the Vale failed to register a score.
- In 2023 CE UK ran the Scorecards exercise again and the Vale scored 42% compared to a national average for District Councils of 29%.
- This puts the Vale joint 10<sup>th</sup> out of 153 Districts in England.

