

**EXETER CITY COUNCIL
RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY OFFICER IN CONSULTATION WITH PORTFOLIO
HOLDER**

TITLE: Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Devon, including Exeter

DECISION MADE BY: Strategic Director for Place

IN CONSULTATION WITH Councillor Duncan Wood, Councillor Matthew Vizard,
Councillor Ruth Williams, Councillor Susannah Patrick

DECISION:

To provide consent that Devon County Council should proceed to the public consultation stage in their preparation of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Devon, including Exeter.

REASON FOR DECISION

Devon County Council (DCC) are nominated as the 'responsible authority' leading the initiative with the other district councils acting as 'supporting authorities'. DCC requests our consent to proceed to meet the deadlines set by UK government for these new strategies.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Additional scrutiny of the draft strategy could be undertaken before proceeding, but the process will be followed by requests for formal responses from the supporting authorities – therefore closer scrutiny will be facilitated by these next stages.

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out and what were the findings

Not applicable – DCC as the responsible authority are preparing the LNRS together with a detailed consultation plan for the next stage which will both be subject to Equality Impact Assessments.

PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED: The decision has the support of the ECC officer working group that has been engaging with the lead officers from DCC in their work preparing the strategy.

DOCUMENT CONSIDERED: DRAFT - Supporting Authorities and the Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy - August 2025” (Devon County Council)

DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED: N/A

In the case where a key decision has been taken under delegated powers, the attention of Members is drawn to the Scrutiny Procedure Rules within the Constitution, and in particular section 15 entitled Call in.

Decision Number	Date of Decision Made
04	19 September 2025