Planning Committee

20th January, 2026

PRESENT:-

Councillors Hatcher (Chair), Belcher, Byrne, Gardiner, Healand, Kennett, Singh and D. Thompson.

IN ATTENDANCE:-

Dylan Jones (Head of Planning), Stephen Walker (Principal Conservation Officer) and P. Rawcliffe (Democratic Services Officer).

APOLOGIES:-

Councillors Henry, Keal and Randall.

Minute No.	Description/Decision	Action By/Deadline
PROCEDURAL ITEMS		
74	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** No declarations of interest were made in respect of the items that follow below.	
75	**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th DECEMBER, 2025** **Agreed** - That the minutes of the meeting of this Committee, held on 16th December, 2025, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.	
NON-EXEMPT ITEMS		
76	**GEORGIAN NEW TOWN CONSERVATION AREA RE-SURVEY** The Head of Planning submitted a report which set out the work undertaken to complete a re-survey of the Georgian New Town Conservation Area. The report provided background on its designation and how it had changed. The report proposed to consult on a new Character Appraisal and Management Plan, and outlined its content. The report made further recommendations to consult on the introduction of an Article 4 Direction around planning constraints for works involving the alteration or replacement of doors, windows and entrance lobbies/porches.	Head of Planning

	Discussion took place around Albion Street; the percentage of buildings in the Conservation Area that were not occupied, and Norfolk House. **Agreed** - That permission to undertake public consultation on (i) the Georgian New Town Conservation Area draft Character Appraisal and Management Plan, included as Appendix A of the report, and (ii) the adoption of an Article 4 Direction for the Georgian New Town Conservation Area, following which a report be submitted to full Council with final the recommendations, be agreed.	
77	**HULL AND EAST YORKSHIRE LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY** The Head of Planning submitted a report which explained that the Government had made legally binding commitments to end the decline of nature and support its recovery. To support that, the Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs had required the development of Local Nature Recovery Strategies covering the whole of England with no gaps or overlaps. The report sought to gain support for the publication of the Hull and East Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy so that it could inform planning decisions, and nature protection and improvements in the City. Local Nature Recovery Strategies were spatial strategies designed to prioritise action for nature restoration and improvement, aiming to create a "bigger, better, and more joined-up" network of more areas of habitat across the country. They were a material consideration within the planning system, intended to direct Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) delivery and inform future planning decisions. Local Nature Recovery Strategies also considered societal co-benefits for issues like flood management; soil health; water quality and impacts on public health. The East Riding of Yorkshire Council had been appointed as the Responsible Authority for developing the Hull and East Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy with Hull City Council and Natural England designated as Supporting Authorities. In June, 2025, the Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs confirmed the	Head of Planning

	Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority as a supporting Authority for the Hull and East Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy. The Hull and East Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy agreed priorities for nature recovery and proposes actions across the region. The East Riding of Yorkshire Council, as the Responsible Authority, had undertaken several engagement events across the area to maximise opportunities for stakeholders to contribute to the development process. That included meetings with community groups; residents; species experts, and specific sessions for landowners. The Hull and East Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy statutory consultation had now closed. The East Riding of Yorkshire Council had submitted a notice to Hull City Council of its intention to adopt the Hull and East Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy on 16th February, 2026. Discussion took place around the number of BNG designated sites in the City; how the BNG monies were allocated; the four mandatory priorities, and the nine voluntary priorities contained within the report. **Agreed** - a) That the content of the Hull and East Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy, be supported; b) that, as there are no objections, the publication of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy on the 16th February, 2026, be confirmed; c) that post adoption, an all member training session be held on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy to explain its purpose and how it can be used to improve habitat and nature across the City and how these can positively benefit its residents, and d) that the Head of Planning circulate details of the 68 Biodiversity Net Gain designated sites in the City to Members of the Planning Committee.	