

OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS FORM

State the Delegated Authority that you are relying on in order to make this decision: e.g. specific (identified in constitution) or general
Constitution Section 10 - Chief Officer Delegations – Corporate Director of Regeneration and Housing, together with the general delegation to Chief Officers to respond to consultations relevant to their service area.
Subject of decision: e.g. freehold disposal of land (16K-149K), contract extension, new policy
Tees Valley Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) – Pre-Consultation Draft (July 2026)
Text of decision: e.g. can include monies received by the Council, list any terms agreed, brief summary of the policy – Do not include any confidential information.
To approve the Tees Valley Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) – Pre-Consultation Draft (July 2026), insofar as it relates to Middlesbrough.
Reason for decision: e.g. benefits, new legislation requires a policy, review of opening hours, non- key decision, outside of agreed budget framework
To allow the emerging Tees Valley Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) to progress to a statutory period of public consultation.
Other options considered (if any)
Middlesbrough Council is a 'Supporting Authority' for the purpose of preparing the Tees Valley Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), with the Tees Valley Combined Authority being the 'Responsible Authority'. As a Supporting Authority, the Council has an opportunity to consider the pre-consultation draft LNRS and offer either support or objection to it, and has a period of 28 in which to respond. An alternative option to approving the Tees Valley LNRS would objecting to it. Under these circumstances the draft LNRS would need to be referred for a decision by the Secretary of State before any consultation could take place. As the LNRS has been prepared in consultation with Middlesbrough Council this is not considered to be an appropriate option. Alternatively, Middlesbrough Council could choose not to respond within the 28 day period. Under this circumstance it would be assumed there are no objections and the LNRS could progress to the consultation stage. As it is recommended that Middlesbrough Council supports the LNRS' progression to consultation this is not considered to be an appropriate option.
Has an Impact Assessment been completed Yes/No – if yes please attach to the decision.
No

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Declarations of Interest by any member or relevant local government body
Who have you consulted as part of the decision making process e.g. Head of Service, Executive Member, Community Association, Surveyor?
Cllr Theo Furness, Executive Member for Development.
Date of decision
29 th July 2026
Service area
Planning
Name of Delegated Officer making decision - i.e. Officer who is designated the power in the Constitution
Richard Horniman – Corporate Director of Regeneration and Housing
Name of the Officer making the decision – if power has been sub-delegated to another Officer.
List of background papers (do not list if contain exempt/confidential information)
 Signed: Dated: 29/07/2026