Biodiversity Impact Assessment
(under the Biodiversity duty contained in the Natural
Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006)

An assessment must be completed for all key decisions included in the Forward Plan.

Stage 1   This stage determines whether a full assessment is required

    1.1   Description of the proposed decision
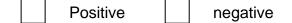
        To agree a three way charter between Rossendale Borough Council, Lancashire County Council and Whitworth Town Council.

    1.2   Will the proposed decision have the effect of flora and fauna of either increasing or reducing the range of species and habitats within the borough

        Yes ☐   No ☒

If no, proceed no further if yes continue to stage 2

Stage 2   This stage helps understand whether any impact on biodiversity is positive or negative

    2.1   Will the proposed decision have a positive or negative impact on biodiversity? (A positive impact would increase the range of species or habitats or increase the protection of existing habitats, a negative impact would do the opposite.)

        ☐ Positive   ☐ negative

    2.2 Describe the impact, in particular drawing attention to scale. For example removing the only habitat in the North West for a particular plant is clearly of great significance, whereas a negative impact on a very common plant is of less significance.

        If the impact is positive you need go no further

Stage 3   This stage allows any negative impact to be balanced against the other positive benefits of the proposed decision using the framework created by the wellbeing power set out in the Local Government Act 2000

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3.1   Indicate the benefits which will be delivered by this decision under the
following headings. As far as possible quantify benefits (eg by jobs
created)

Economic

Environmental

Social

3.2   Are there steps which are planned or could be taken to mitigate the
impact on biodiversity (eg relocating certain species during building
work)

Stage 4   This stage sets out the balance between the negative impacts on
biodiversity and the other positive impacts so that Councillors can make
an informed decision.

Positive impacts   Negative Impacts
(eg X jobs created)   (eg acres of habitat lost)

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