

IIA Scoping Report Appendix 1: Review of plans, policies, programmes, strategies and initiatives

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Introduction

This appendix provides a review of the key plans, policies, programmes, strategies and initiatives (PPPSIs) relevant to the Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA). It identifies the international, national, regional/sub-regional and local policy context within which the plan is being prepared. The review covers environmental, social and economic objectives, including matters relating to climate change, biodiversity, health and wellbeing, housing, transport, infrastructure, cultural heritage and sustainable economic growth. The findings of this review have informed the development of the IIA framework and assessment process, helping to ensure that the plan aligns with wider legislative requirements, strategic priorities and sustainability objectives across all spatial scales. The tables below provide a structured overview of the relevant PPPSIs considered within the IIA. For ease of reference, these have been categorised by spatial scale into International, National, Regional/Sub-regional and Local tiers.

International

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Environment	climate, air	International	Initiative	Declaration on Climate, Relief, Recovery and Peace (COP28 Declaration) (2023)	https://www.cop28.com/en/cop28-declaration-on-climate-relief-recovery-and-peace	International commitment to address challenges posed by climate change in the most vulnerable regions. Although non-binding, unites concerns of countries and institutions across humanitarian, development, climate and peace sectors. Aims to urgently enhance climate resilience in vulnerable communities.
Environment	biodiversity, flora, fauna	International	International Agreement	2022 Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15 Kunming-Montreal)	https://lordslibrary.parliament.uk/cop15-global-biodiversity-framework/	COP15 adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), including four goals and 23 targets for achievement by 2030.
Environment	climate, air	International	International Agreement	The Glasgow Pact (UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, 2021)	https://unfccc.int/documents/310497	Nations adopted the Glasgow Climate Pact. Decisions include strengthened efforts to build resilience to climate change, curb greenhouse gas emissions and provide necessary finance. Nations reaffirmed the \$100 billion annual pledge and agreed to phase down unabated coal power and inefficient fossil fuel subsidies.

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Environment	biodiversity, flora, fauna, soil	International	International Agreement	United Nations Declaration on Forests and Land Use (COP26 Declaration) (2021)	https://unfccc.int/topics/land-use/workstreams/land-use--land-use-change-and-forestry-lulucf	International commitment to halt and reverse forest loss and land degradation by 2030 while delivering sustainable development and promoting an inclusive rural transformation.
Environment, Social, Economy	biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climate, material assets, cultural heritage	International	Initiative	The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2015)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/agenda-2030-delivering-the-global-goals	Adopted by all UN Member States, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity. Includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), designed to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.
Social	population, human health	International	Convention	The United Nations Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus	https://unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/documents/cep43e.pdf	Establishes rights of the public with regard to the environment. Parties are required to make necessary provisions so that public authorities contribute to these rights becoming effective.

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Environment, Social, Economy	biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climate, material assets, cultural heritage	International	Initiative	The United Nations Declaration on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Declaration) (2002)	https://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/documents/WSSD_POI_PD/English/POI_PD.htm	Sets a broad framework for international sustainable development, including building a humane, equitable and caring global society, renewable energy and energy efficiency, sustainable consumption and production and resource efficiency.
Environment	climate, air	International	International Agreement	The United Nations Paris Climate Change Agreement (2015)	https://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2015/cop21/eng/l09r01.pdf	International agreement to keep global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.
Environment	biodiversity, water, fauna, flora	International	Convention	The International Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar	https://www.wetlands.org/wetlands/ramsar-convention/	International agreement with the aim of conserving and managing the use of wetlands and their resources.

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Environment	biodiversity, fauna, flora	International	Convention	The European Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention) (1979)	https://coe.int/en/web/bern-convention	Aims to ensure conservation and protection of wild plant and animal species and their natural habitats, increase cooperation between contracting parties, and regulate exploitation of those species including migratory species.
Environment	biodiversity, fauna, flora	International	Convention	The International Convention on Biological Diversity (1992)	https://www.cbd.int/doc/legal/cbd-en.pdf	International commitment to biodiversity conservation through national strategies and action plans.
Environment	biodiversity, fauna, flora	International	Legislation	The European Habitats Directive (1992)	https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/nature-and-biodiversity/ha	Together with the Birds Directive, sets the standard for nature conservation across the EU enabling Member States to work within the same legislative framework to protect vulnerable species and habitat types. Established the Natura 2000 network.

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Environment	biodiversity, fauna, flora	International	Legislation	The European Birds Directive (2009)	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eudr/2009/147	Requires the maintenance of all species of naturally occurring birds in the wild state in the European territory at a level which corresponds to ecological, scientific and cultural requirements.
Environment	biodiversity, flora, fauna, soil	International	Initiative	The United Nations Declaration on Forests (New York Declaration) (2014)	https://unfccc.int/news/new-york-declaration-on-forests	Sets out international commitment to cut natural forest loss by 2020 and end loss by 2030.
Environment	cultural heritage	International	Convention	The Valletta Treaty (1992)	https://coe.int/en/web/culture-and-heritage/valletta-convention	Aims to protect the European archaeological heritage as a source of European collective memory and as an instrument for historical and scientific study.
Environment	cultural heritage, material assets	International	Convention	The United Nations (UNESCO) World Heritage	https://whc.unesco.org/en/conventiontext/	Promotes co-operation among nations to protect heritage of outstanding universal value that is important for current and future generations.

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Environment	cultural heritage, material assets	International	Convention	The European Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (1985)	https://www.coe.int/en/web/culture-and-heritage/granda-convention	Defines 'architectural heritage' and requires signatories to maintain an inventory and take statutory measures to ensure its protection. Conservation policies are required to be integrated into planning systems.
Environment	biodiversity, cultural heritage	International	Convention	The European Landscape Convention (2002)	https://rm.coe.int/1680080621	Promotes landscape protection, management and planning. Aimed at the protection, management and planning of all landscapes and raising awareness of the value of a living landscape.

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Environment	climate, air	National	Plan	Met Office, State of the UK Climate (2024)	https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/research/climate/maps-and-data/about/state-of-climate	The tenth in the annual series of reports providing a summary of UK weather and climate through 2023. Provides an authoritative and up-to-date assessment of UK climate trends, variations and extremes based on observational datasets of climate quality.
Environment, Economy	climate, air	National	Plan	The Carbon Budget Delivery Plan (2023)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/carbon-budget-delivery-plan	Explains how the government intends to meet its legally-binding climate goals. Sets out a package of quantified and unquantified proposals and policies, associated timescales and delivery risks, including the contribution to sustainable development and impact on sectors of the economy.
Environment, Economy	climate, air	National	Plan	Powering up Britain (2023)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powering-up-britain	Sets out the department's approach to energy security and net zero. Acts as an introduction to Powering Up Britain: Energy Security Plan and Powering Up Britain: Net Zero Growth Plan.
Environment, Social	climate, human health, water, biodiversity, fauna, flora	National	Programme	The Third National Adaptation Programme (NAP3)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/third-national-adaptation-	Sets out actions that government and others will take to adapt to the impacts of climate change from 2023 to 2028, including protecting the natural environment, supporting business, adapting infrastructure,

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					programme- nap3	protecting buildings, protecting public health and mitigating international impacts.
Environment, Economy	climate, biodiversity, water, air, soil	National	Plan	The Environment Improvement Plan 2023	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-improvement-plan	First revision of the 25YEP for England. Sets out progress against 10 goals including thriving plants and wildlife; clean air; clean and plentiful water; managing chemicals and pesticides; maximising resources; using natural resources sustainably; mitigating climate change; reducing harm from environmental hazards; enhanced biosecurity; and enhanced beauty, heritage and engagement with the natural environment.
Environment	climate, biodiversity, soil, water, fauna, flora	National	Plan	UK Climate Change Risk Assessment 2022	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1047003/climate-change-risk-	Outlines the UK government's position on key climate change risks and opportunities. Considers 61 UK-wide climate risks and prioritises eight risk areas: risks to habitats and species; soil health; natural carbon stores; crops, livestock and trees; food supply chains; power system; human health from heat; and multiple risks from climate change impacts overseas.

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Environment, Economy	climate, air, material assets	National	Strategy	The British Energy Security Strategy (2022)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/british-energy-security-strategy/british-energy-security-strategy	The UK Government's British Energy Security Strategy (2022) sets out a long-term plan to deliver secure, affordable, and low-carbon energy supplies by reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels and accelerating the transition to domestic clean energy sources. It prioritises a major expansion of renewables (particularly offshore wind), nuclear power, and hydrogen, alongside continued, managed use of North Sea oil and gas as a transition fuel to maintain energy security. The strategy also emphasises improving energy efficiency in homes and buildings, supporting innovation and green finance, and investing in infrastructure to

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						enable decarbonisation and economic growth. Overall, it aims to create a self-sufficient, resilient energy system that delivers lower emissions, stable energy prices, job creation, and long-term economic and environmental benefits while supporting the UK's net zero targets.
Environment	biodiversity, air, water, fauna, flora, soil	National	Legislation	The Environment Act 2021	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2021/30/contents/enacted	Sets statutory targets for recovery of the natural world in four priority areas: air quality, biodiversity, water, and resource efficiency and waste reduction. Key biodiversity elements include: biodiversity net gain of at least 10%; Local Nature Recovery Strategies; strengthened biodiversity duty; Conservation Covenants; and prohibition on large UK businesses using commodities associated with deforestation.
Environment, Economy	climate, air	National	Strategy	The Net Zero Strategy: Build Back Greener (2021)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/net-zero-strategy	Sets out policies and proposals for decarbonising all sectors of the UK economy to meet net zero targets by 2050. Sets out strategies to keep the UK on track with carbon budgets and outlines the National Determined Contribution.

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Environment, Economy	climate, air	National	Strategy	The Industrial Decarbonisation Strategy (2021)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/industrial-decarbonisation-strategy	Aims to support existing industry to decarbonise and encourage growth of new, low carbon industries protecting and creating skilled jobs. Aims to reduce emissions by two-thirds in 15 years, support up to 80,000 jobs and produce 20 TWh from low carbon alternatives by 2030. Expects 3 megatons of CO2 captured in industry per year by 2030.
Environment, Economy	climate, air, material assets	National	Strategy	The Heat and Buildings Strategy (2021)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heat-and-buildings-strategy	Sets out the government's plan to cut carbon emissions from the UK's 30 million homes and workplaces. Aims to phase out new natural gas boilers beyond 2035, grow heat pump supply chain to 600,000 per year by 2028, and ensure all new buildings are net zero ready from 2025.
Environment, Economy	climate, air	National	Strategy	The UK Hydrogen Strategy (2021)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1011283/UK-Hydrogen-Strategy_web.pdf	Sets out the approach to developing a substantial low carbon hydrogen sector in the UK and to meet the ambition for 5GW of low carbon hydrogen production capacity by 2030.

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Environment	climate, air, material assets	National	Legislation	The Energy Performance of Buildings Regulations (2021)	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2021/9780348220216	Seek to improve the energy efficiency of buildings, reducing their carbon emissions. Require adoption of a standard methodology for calculating energy performance and minimum requirements for energy performance, reported through Energy Performance Certificates.
Environment, Economy	climate, air	National	Plan	The Energy White Paper: Powering Our Net Zero Future (2020)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/945899/201216_BEIS_EWP_Command_Paper_Accessible.pdf	Addresses the transformation of the UK's energy system promoting high-skilled jobs and clean economic growth. Aims to support up to 220,000 jobs, transform the electricity grid for net-zero, scale up offshore wind to 40GW by 2030, and invest in CCS, hydrogen and electric vehicle charge points.
Economy, Environment	material assets, climate	National	Strategy	National Infrastructure Strategy: Fairer, Faster, Greener (2020)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/938049/NIS_final_w	Sets out plans to transform UK infrastructure to level up the country, strengthen the Union and achieve net zero emissions by 2050. Enabled by clear support for private investment and comprehensive reforms to the way infrastructure is delivered.

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Environment	climate, air	National	Plan	The Sixth Carbon Budget report (2020)	https://www.thecc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/The-Sixth-Carbon-Budget-The-UKs-path-to-Net-Zero.pdf	Based on an extensive programme of analysis and consultation by the Climate Change Committee. The recommended pathway requires a 78% reduction in UK territorial emissions between 1990 and 2035, effectively bringing forward the UK's previous 80% target by nearly 15 years.
Environment	climate, air	National	Plan	Decarbonising Transport: Setting the Challenge (2020) [first reference]	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/932122/decarbonising-transport-	Sets out the strategic priorities for the Transport Decarbonisation Plan (TDP). Sets out what government, business and society need to do to deliver significant emissions reductions across all modes of transport, putting the UK on a pathway to net zero emissions across every single mode of transport by 2050.

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Environment, Social	water, climate, biodiversity	National	Plan	Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management : Policy Statement (2020)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/903705/flood-coastal-erosion-policy-statement.pdf	Sets out the government's long-term ambition to create a nation more resilient to future flood and coastal erosion risk. Five policy areas: upgrading national flood defences; managing water flow; harnessing nature to reduce flood risk; better preparing communities; and enabling more resilient places through a catchment-based approach.
Environment	climate, air	National	Plan	Net Zero - The UK's Contribution to Stopping Global Warming (Climate	https://www.thecccc.org.uk/publication/net-zero-the-uks-contribution-to-stopping-	Responds to a request from the Governments of the UK, Wales and Scotland to reassess long-term emissions targets. Recommends a new emissions target: net-zero greenhouse gases by 2050. Scotland recommended net-zero by 2045;

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				Change Committee, 2019)	global-warming/	Wales recommended 95% reduction by 2050.
Environment	climate, air	National	Legislation	The Promotion of the Use of Energy from Renewables Sources Regulations 2011	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2011/243/contents/made	Required the government to ensure that renewable energy comprised 15% of the UK's total energy mix by 2020. Now superseded by EU Directive RED II, however the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement includes commitments to promote energy efficiency and use of renewable energy.
Environment, Social	water, climate, human health	National	Strategy	The National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England 2011	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flood-and-coastal-erosion-risk-management-strategy-for-england--2	Sets out the national framework for managing the risk of flooding and coastal erosion. Sets roles for risk management authorities and communities. Strategic aims: manage risk to people and property; facilitate decision-making at appropriate levels; and achieve environmental, social and economic benefits consistent with sustainable development principles.

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Environment, Social	water, climate, human health, material assets	National	Legislation	The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and The Flood and Water Regulations 2019	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/29/contents	Sets out measures to ensure that risk from all sources of flooding is managed more effectively. Includes greater resilience measures in design of new buildings; utilising the environment to reduce flooding; identifying areas for water storage; rolling back coastal development; and creating sustainable drainage systems (SuDS).
Environment, Social, Economy	climate, human health, water, biodiversity, material assets	National	Programme	The National Adaptation Programme and the Third Strategy for Climate Adaptation Reporting	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1171501/national-adaptation-programme-2018.pdf	Sets out visions for key sectors: People and the Built Environment - developing a healthy, equitable and resilient population; Infrastructure - an infrastructure network resilient to natural hazards; Natural Environment - diverse and healthy ecosystems resilient to climate change; Business and Industry - businesses resilient to extreme weather; Local Government - central role in leading resilient places.

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Environment, Social, Economy	climate, human health, water, biodiversity, soil	National	Programme	Climate Change: Second National Adaptation Programme (2018 to 2023)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1171501/national-adaptation-programme-2018.pdf	Sets the actions that government and others will take to adapt to climate change challenges. Key risk areas addressed include: flooding and coastal change; risks to health from high temperatures; risks of water shortages; risks to natural capital; risks to food production; and emerging pests, diseases and invasive non-native species.
Environment	soil, material assets	National	Strategy	Our Waste, Our Resources: A Strategy for England (2018)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/765914/resources-waste-strategy-dec-2018.pdf	Aims to increase resource productivity and eliminate avoidable waste by 2050. Key targets: 50% recycling rate for household waste by 2020; 75% recycling rate for packaging by 2030; 65% recycling rate for municipal solid waste by 2035; municipal waste to landfill 10% or less by 2035.

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Environment	soil, material assets, human health	National	Plan	The National Planning Policy for Waste (NPPW) (2014)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/364759/141015_National_Planning_Policy_for_Waste.pdf	Identifies key planning objectives requiring planning authorities to: drive waste management up the waste hierarchy; ensure waste management is considered alongside spatial planning; provide a framework for community responsibility for waste; secure recovery or disposal without endangering health; and ensure design of new development supports sustainable waste management.

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Environment	soil, material assets	National	Plan	The Waste Management Plan for England (2021)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/60103f71d3bf7f05bc42d294/waste-management-plan-for-england-2021.pdf	Provides an overview of waste management in England. Does not introduce new policy or change how waste is managed, but aims to bring current waste management policies together in one national plan.
Environment, Economy	climate, air, material assets	National	Strategy	The Energy Efficiency Strategy: The Energy Efficiency Opportunity in the UK 2012	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/65602/6927-energy-efficiency-strategy--the-energy-efficiency.pdf	Aims to realise the wider energy efficiency potential available in the UK economy by maximising the potential of existing dwellings, implementing 21st century energy management initiatives on 19th century homes.

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Environment, Economy	climate, air	National	Strategy	The UK Low Carbon Transition Plan: National Strategy for Climate and Energy (2009)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/228752/9780108508394.pdf	Sets out a five-point plan to tackle climate change: protecting the public from immediate risk; preparing for the future; limiting severity of future climate change through a new international climate agreement; building a low carbon UK; and supporting individuals, communities and businesses.
Environment	climate, air	National	Strategy	The UK Renewable Energy Strategy (2009)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-renewable-energy-strategy	Sets out ways to tackle climate change by reducing CO2 emissions through the generation of renewable electricity, heat and transport technologies.
Environment	climate, air	National	Legislation	The Climate Change Act 2008	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/27/contents	Sets targets for UK greenhouse gas emission reductions of at least 100% by 2050, against a 1990 baseline (updated to net zero in June 2019).

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Environment	climate, air	National	Plan	Net Zero - The UK's Contribution to Stopping Global Warming (2019)	https://www.thecccc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Net-Zero-The-UKs-contribution-to-stopping-global-warming.pdf	Concludes the UK should set and vigorously pursue an ambitious target to reduce GHGs to 'net-zero' by 2050, ending the UK's contribution to global warming within 30 years.
Environment	climate, air	National	Legislation	The Planning and Energy Act (2008)	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/21/contents	Enables local planning authorities to set requirements for carbon reduction and renewable energy provision. At the time of writing there have been no amendments to the Planning and Energy Act following the Housing Standards Review.
Environment	soil, material assets	National	Legislation	The Waste (Circular Economy) (Amendment) Regulations	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/904/made	Seek to prevent waste generation and monitor implementation of waste prevention programmes. Focus on the circular economy as a means for businesses to maximise the value of waste. Prohibit incineration and landfilling unless best environmental outcome is achieved.

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Social	population, human health, material assets	National	Legislation	Levelling Up and Regeneration Act (2023)	https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3155	Sets out the direction for planning and makes provisions to support the levelling-up agenda. Seeks to streamline the planning process and attach greater weight to development plans. Aims to improve infrastructure delivery with a new levy system, improve alignment between plans and introduces added protection for heritage assets. States SEA, HRA and EIA will be replaced by 'Environmental Outcomes Reports'.
Environment	biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora	National	Plan	The Green Infrastructure Framework (2023)	https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/GreenInfrastructure/Home.aspx	By Natural England, will help increase the amount of green cover to 40% in urban residential areas. Provides a structure to analyse where greenspace is needed most. Aims to support equitable access to greenspace, with an overarching target for everyone being able to reach good quality greenspace in their local area.
Social, Economy	population, human health	National	Plan	The White Paper Levelling Up the United Kingdom (2022)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/levelling-up-the-united-kingdom	Sets out how the UK Government will spread opportunity more equally across the UK. Comprises 12 UK-wide missions to achieve by 2030 relating to healthy life expectancy, wellbeing, crime reduction, pride in place, education standards, and housing access.

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Social	population, human health, material assets	National	Plan	A Fairer Private Rented Sector White Paper (2022)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/levelling-up-the-united-kingdom	Aims to build upon the vision of the Levelling Up White Paper and reform the Private Rented Sector and improve housing quality. Outlines that everyone deserves a secure and decent home and sets out measures to improve the experience of renters.
Environment, Social	human health, population, water, air	National	Plan	The State of the Environment: Health, People and the Environment (2021)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/state-of-the-environment/state-of-the-environment-health-people-and-the-environment	Focuses on the relationship between human health and people's access to a clean, high quality natural environment. Presents information on exposure to environmental pollutants, flooding and climate change. Highlights environmental inequalities contributing to differences in health outcomes.
Social	population, human health, material assets	National	Plan	The National Design Guide (2021)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/962113/National_design_guide.pdf	Sets out the Government's priorities for well-designed places in the form of ten characteristics: context, identity, built form, movement, nature, public spaces, uses, homes and buildings, resources and lifespan.

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Social	population, human health	National	Plan	Build Back Better: Our Plan for Health and Social Care (2021)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/build-back-better-our-plan-for-health-and-social-care/build-back-better-our-plan-for-health-and-social-care	Sets out the government's plan for health and social care, tackling the elective backlog in the NHS and putting it on a sustainable footing. Sets out details of the plan for adult social care, including a cap on social care costs, and plans for a new Health and Social Care Levy.
Social	population, human health	National	Plan	The COVID-19 Mental Health and Wellbeing Recovery Action Plan (2021)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/973936/covid-19-mental-health-and-wellbeing-recovery-action-plan.pdf	Sets out the Government's plan to prevent, mitigate and respond to the mental health impacts of the pandemic during 2021 and 2022. Main objectives: support the population to look after their own mental wellbeing; address factors influencing mental health outcomes; and support services to meet the need for specialist support.

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Social	population, human health, material assets	National	Plan	The Charter for Social Housing Residents: Social Housing White Paper (2020)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-charter-for-social-housing-residents-social-housing-white-paper	Sets out the Government's actions to ensure residents in social housing are safe, listened to, live in good quality homes and have access to redress when things go wrong.
Social	human health, population	National	Plan	Using the Planning System to Promote Healthy Weight Environments (2020), Addendum (2021)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/863821/PHE_Planning_healthy_weight_environments_guidance_1.pdf	Provides a framework for local authorities to set out in local planning guidance how best to achieve healthy weight environments, focusing on environments that enable healthier eating and promote more physical activity. The Addendum provides updates on hot food takeaways retail uses in light of changes to the Use Class Order.

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Social	human health, population	National	Strategy	Public Health England PHE Strategy 2020-25 (2019)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/831562/PHE_Strategy_2020-25.pdf	Identifies PHE's priorities over a five-year period to protect people and help people to live longer in good health.
Social	population, human health, material assets	National	Plan	The Homes England Strategic Plan 2018 to 2023	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/homes-england-strategic-plan-201819-to-202223/homes-england-strategic-plan-2018-to-2023	Sets out a vision to ensure more homes are built in areas of greatest need, to improve affordability, and make a more resilient and diverse housing market.
Social, Economy	population, human health, material assets	National	Plan	The Housing White Paper 2017 (Fixing Our Broken	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fixing-our-broken-	Sets out ways to address the shortfall in affordable homes and boost housing supply. Focuses on: planning for the right homes in the right places; building homes faster; diversifying the market; and helping people

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				Housing Market)	housing-market	now through supporting home ownership and providing affordable housing.
Social	population	National	Plan	The Planning Policy for Traveller Sites 2015	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/457420/Final_planning_and_travelers_policy.pdf	Sets out the Government's planning policy for traveller sites. The overarching aim is to ensure fair and equal treatment for travellers, facilitating the traditional and nomadic way of life while respecting the interests of the settled community.
Social	population, human health, material assets	National	Plan	The Technical Housing Standards - Nationally Described Space Standard (2015)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1012976/160519_Nationally_Described_Space_Standard.pdf	Sets out the Government's nationally described space standard. The standard deals with internal space within new dwellings and sets requirements for the Gross Internal Area of new dwellings at a defined level of occupancy, and floor areas and dimensions for key parts of the home.

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Social	population, human health	National	Plan	Ready for Ageing? Select Committee on Public Service and Demographic Change Report (2013)	https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldselect/ldpublic/140/140.pdf	Warns that society is underprepared for the ageing population. Highlights the under provision of specialist housing for older people and the need to plan for the housing needs of the older population as well as younger people.
Social	human health, population	National	Plan	Fair Society, Healthy Lives (2011)	https://www.instituteofhealththequity.org/resources-reports/fair-society-healthy-lives-the-marmot-review/fair-society-healthy-lives-full-report-pdf.pdf	Investigated health inequalities in England and the actions needed to tackle them. Supplementary report notes overwhelming evidence that health and environmental inequalities are inexorably linked and that poor environments contribute significantly to poor health.

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Social	population, human health, material assets	National	Strategy	Laying the Foundations: A Housing Strategy for England	https://www.gov.uk/government/news/laying-the-foundations-a-housing-strategy-for-england	Aims to provide support to deliver new homes and improve social mobility.
Social	human health, population	National	Strategy	Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Our Strategy for Public Health in England 2010	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/healthy-lives-healthy-people-our-strategy-for-public-health-in-england	Sets out the Government's approach to public health challenges: protecting the population from health threats; empowering local leadership; focusing on key outcomes; reflecting core values of freedom, fairness and responsibility; and balancing freedoms with the need to avoid harm to others.
Environment, Social	human health, air	National	Legislation	The Environmental Noise Regulations 2006 [A.73]	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2006/2238/contents/made	Apply to environmental noise, mainly from transport. Require regular noise mapping and action planning for road, rail and aviation noise and noise in large urban areas. Require Noise Action Plans identifying Important Areas. Regulations do not apply to noise from domestic activities, workplaces, inside means of transport, or military areas.

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Environment	biodiversity, fauna, flora	National	Plan	The State of Nature	https://stateofnature.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/TP25999-State-of-Nature-main-report-2023_FULL-DOC-v12.pdf	Reports on the UK's significant loss of biodiversity. Trends cover up to 50 years. The UK is now one of the most nature-depleted countries on Earth. The report shows what is needed to fix the decline in nature.
Environment	biodiversity, air, water, fauna, flora, soil	National	Plan	The Environment Improvement Plan 2023 [A.75]	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-improvement-plan	First revision of the 25YEP for England. Sets out progress against 10 goals and specific targets and commitments in relation to each goal. Builds on the 25YEP vision with a plan to work with landowners, communities and businesses to deliver each environmental goal, matched with interim targets to measure progress.
Environment	biodiversity, fauna, flora, soil, water	National	Plan	Working with Nature (2022)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1094162/Working	Discusses the importance of nature in providing ecosystem services and presents recent and historical trends in biodiversity. Outlines the main pressures affecting England's habitats, wildlife and ecosystems: land use; climate change; pollution; invasive non-native species; and hydrological change.

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Environment	air, water, fauna, flora, soil	National	Plan	Establishing the Best Available Techniques for the UK (UK BAT) (2022)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/establishing-the-best-available-techniques-for-the-uk-uk-bat	Sets out a new framework to improve industrial emissions and protect the environment through a UK BAT regime. Aims to set up a new structure of governance with a Standards Council and Regulators Group, and establish a new UK Air Quality Governance Group.
Environment	biodiversity, air, water, fauna, flora, soil	National	Legislation	The Environment Act 2021 [A.78 - Biodiversity provisions]	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2021/30/contents/enacted	Sets statutory targets for recovery of the natural world. Biodiversity elements include: strengthened biodiversity duty; biodiversity net gain of at least 10% for developments maintained for at least 30 years; Local Nature Recovery Strategies; duty to consult on street tree felling; strengthened woodland protection; Conservation Covenants; and prohibition on large UK businesses using commodities associated with deforestation.

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Environment	biodiversity, fauna, flora	National	Legislation	The Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2019/9780111176573	Protect biodiversity through the conservation of natural habitats and species of wild fauna and flora, including birds. Lay down rules for the protection, management and exploitation of such habitats and species, including how adverse effects should be avoided, minimised and reported.
Environment	biodiversity, water, fauna, flora, soil	National	Legislation	Environmental Damage (Prevention and Remediation) Regulations 2015	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2015/810/made	Wide-ranging regulations applying to many businesses. Oblige those who create environmental damage by water pollution, adversely affecting protected species or SSSIs, or by land pollution that causes risks to human health, to cease the damage and implement remedial measures to restore affected areas.
Environment	biodiversity, fauna, flora	National	Plan	Biodiversity Offsetting in England Green Paper (2013)	https://consult.defra.gov.uk/biodiversity/biodiversity_offsetting/supporting_documents/20130903Biodiversity%20offsetting	Biodiversity offsets are conservation activities designed to compensate for residual losses. The Green Paper sets out a framework for offsetting.

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Environment	biodiversity, fauna, flora, water, soil	National	Strategy	Biodiversity 2020: A Strategy for England's Wildlife and Ecosystem Services (2011)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/biodiversity-2020-a-strategy-for-england-s-wildlife-and-ecosystem-services	Guides conservation efforts in England up to 2020 by requiring a national halt to biodiversity loss, supporting healthy ecosystems and establishing ecological networks.
Environment, Social	biodiversity, population	National	Plan	Defra Right of Way Circular (1/09) (2011)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rights-of-way-circular-1-09	Gives advice to local authorities on recording, managing and maintaining, protecting and changing public rights of way.
Environment, Social	biodiversity, population	National	Legislation	The Countryside and Rights of	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/37	An Act of Parliament to make new provision for public access to the countryside.

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Environment	soil, biodiversity	National	Strategy	Safeguarding our Soils - A Strategy for England (2009)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69261/pb13297-soil-strategy-090910.pdf	Sets out how England's soils will be managed sustainably. Prioritises tackling degradation threats, including better protection for agricultural soils; protecting and enhancing soil carbon; building resilience of soils to a changing climate; preventing soil pollution; effective soil protection during construction; and dealing with contaminated land.
Environment	biodiversity, climate, fauna, flora, soil	National	Strategy	England Biodiversity Strategy Climate Change Adaptation Principles (2008)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69270/pb13168-ebs-ccap-081203.pdf	Sets out principles to guide adaptation to climate change: take practical action now; maintain and increase ecological resilience; accommodate change; integrate action across all sectors; and develop knowledge and plan strategically. The precautionary principle underpins all.

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Environment	biodiversity, fauna, flora	National	Legislation	The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/16/contents	Places a duty on public bodies to conserve biodiversity.
Environment	biodiversity, fauna, flora	National	Legislation	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69	Enacted primarily to implement the Birds Directive and Bern Convention in Great Britain. Covers: Part 1 - Wildlife (protection of birds, animals and plants); Part 2 - Nature conservation, countryside and National Parks; Part 3 - Public rights of way; Part 4 - Miscellaneous provisions.
Environment, Social	biodiversity, population	National	Legislation	The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/Geo6/12-13-14/97	An Act to make provision for National Parks and the establishment of a National Parks Commission; to confer powers for the establishment and maintenance of nature reserves; and to make provision for the recording, creation, maintenance and improvement of public paths and for securing access to open country.
Environment	cultural heritage, material assets	National	Plan	Historic England Corporate Plan 2023-2026	https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/he-corp-plan-2023-26/he-corp-plan-2023-26/	Purpose is to improve people's lives by championing and protecting the historic environment. Vision: a heritage that is valued, celebrated and shared by everyone. Built on five values: passion, learning, collaboration, openness and responsibility.

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Environment	cultural heritage, material assets	National	Plan	The Heritage Statement 2017	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/664657/Heritage_Statement_2017_final_-_web_version.pdf	Sets out how the Government will support the heritage sector and help protect and care for the heritage and historic environment, in order to maximise its economic and social impact and ensure everyone can enjoy and benefit from it.
Environment	cultural heritage	National	Plan	Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment, Historic England Advice Note 8 (2016)	https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/sustainability-appraisal-and-strategic-environmental-assessment-advice-note-8/	Sets out requirements for the consideration and appraisal of effects on the historic environment as part of the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment process.

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Environment	cultural heritage, climate, material assets	National	Plan	The Government's Statement on the Historic Environment for England 2010	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/229834/Acc_HeritageVision_Part_1.pdf	Sets out the Government's vision for the historic environment. Calls for those with the power to shape the historic environment to recognise its value and manage it intelligently, including promoting the role of the historic environment within the government's response to climate change and the wider sustainable development agenda.
Environment	cultural heritage, material assets	National	Legislation	The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/9/contents	An Act of Parliament that changed the laws for granting of planning permission for building works, with a particular focus on listed buildings and conservation areas.
Environment	cultural heritage, material assets	National	Legislation	The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1979/46	A law to protect the archaeological heritage of England and Wales and Scotland. The Secretary of State has a duty to compile and maintain a schedule of ancient monuments of national importance. Creates criminal offences for unauthorised works to, or damage of, these monuments.
Environment	cultural heritage, material assets	National	Legislation	The Historic Buildings and Ancient	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/Eliz2/1-2/49/contents	An Act of Parliament that makes provision for the compilation of a register of gardens and other land (parks and gardens, and battlefields).

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Environment	water	National	Plan	Defra, Plan for Water: Our Integrated Plan for Delivering Clean and Plentiful Water (2023)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/plan-for-water-our-integrated-plan-for-delivering-clean-and-plentiful-water/plan-for-water-our-integrated-plan-for-delivering-clean-and-plentiful-water	Sets out actions to transform management of the water system, deliver cleaner water for nature and people, and secure a plentiful water supply. Sets out measures to address sources of pollution and boost water supplies through more investment, tighter regulation and more effective enforcement.
Environment, Social	air, human health	National	Strategy	The Air Quality Strategy for England (2023)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-air-quality-strategy-for-england	Sets out local authorities' powers and responsibilities and the actions that Defra expects local authorities to take in support of the government's long-term air quality goals, including new PM2.5 targets.

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Environment	water	National	Plan	Managing Water Abstraction (2021)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/managing-water-abstraction/managing-water-abstraction	The overarching document for managing water resources in England and Wales and links together the abstraction licensing strategies.
Environment	air, water, biodiversity, fauna, flora, soil	National	Legislation	The Environment Act 2021 [A.100 - Water and Air provisions]	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2021/30/contents/enacted	Sets statutory targets for recovery of the natural world. Establishes the Office for Environmental Protection. Covers: resource efficiency, producer responsibility and waste management; local air quality management frameworks; and plans for water resources, drainage and sewerage management, storm overflows, water quality and land drainage.
Environment	water, biodiversity, fauna, flora	National	Strategy	National Chalk Streams Strategy (2021)	https://cieem.net/resource/chalk-stream-restoration-strategy-2021-implementation-plan-2022/	Built around the 'trinity of ecological health': water quantity, water quality and habitat quality. Includes 30+ recommendations to Defra, the Environment Agency, Natural England, water companies, NGOs and stakeholders.

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Environment	water	National	Plan	Meeting Our Future Water Needs: A National Framework for Water Resources (2020)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/meeting-our-future-water-needs-a-national-framework-for-water-resources	Sets the strategic direction for long term regional water resources planning. Vision: to leave the environment in a better state than we found it and to improve the nation's resilience to drought and minimise interruptions to all water users.
Environment, Social	air, human health	National	Plan	The Air Quality Factsheet (Part 4)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environment-bill-2020/10-march-2020-air-quality-factsheet-part-4	Refers to the Environment Bill and advises that Councils and other relevant public bodies will be required to work together more closely to tackle air quality issues.
Environment	water	National	Plan	The National Framework for Water Resources	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/meeting-our-future-water-needs-a-national-	Marks a step change in water resources planning. Five regional water resources groups will produce co-ordinated, cross-sector plans to address challenges by identifying options needed in their region to manage demand and increase supply.

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					framework-for-water-resources	
Environment, Social	air, human health	National	Strategy	The Clean Air Strategy 2019	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/770715/clean-air-strategy-2019.pdf	Sets out comprehensive action required from across Government and society. Will be underpinned by new England-wide powers to control major sources of air pollution, plus new local powers. Creates Clean Air Zones to lower emissions. Sets stringent targets to cut emissions by 2020 and 2030.
Environment	water	National	Plan	The Environment Agency's Approach for Groundwater Protection (2018)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/692989/Environment-Agency-	Contains position statements providing information about the Environment Agency's approach to managing and protecting groundwater. Details how the Environment Agency delivers government policy for groundwater and adopts a risk-based approach where legislation allows.

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					approach-to-groundwater-protection.pdf	
Environment	water	National	Legislation	The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/407/contents/made	Protect inland surface waters, transitional waters, coastal waters and groundwater. Establish the need to prevent deterioration of waterbodies and to protect, enhance and restore waterbodies with the aim of achieving good ecological and chemical status.
Environment, Social	air, human health	National	Plan	The UK Plan for Tackling Roadside Nitrogen Dioxide Concentrations 2017	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/633269/air-quality-	Sets out the Government's ambition and actions for delivering a better environment and cleaner air, including substantial investment in ultra-low emission vehicles, cycling and walking infrastructure, and implementation funds to help Local Authorities prepare Air Quality Action Plans.

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Environment	water	National	Plan	Drought Response: Our Framework for England (2017)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/625006/LIT_10104.pdf	Tells how drought affects England and how the Environment Agency works with government, water companies and others to manage the effects. Aims to ensure consistency in drought management across England. Sets out how drought affects different parts of England, who is involved, and how action is taken.
Environment	water, soil	National	Legislation	The Nitrate Pollution Prevention Regulations 2016	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2016/1190/made	Provides for the designation of land as nitrate vulnerable zones and imposes annual limits on the amount of nitrogen from organic manure that may be applied. Specifies the amount of nitrogen to be spread on a crop and how, where and when to spread nitrogen fertiliser and how it should be stored.

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Environment, Social	water, human health	National	Legislation	The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/2016/614/contents/made	Focus on the quality of water for drinking, washing, cooking and food preparation. Their purpose is to protect human health from the adverse effects of any contamination of water intended for human consumption by ensuring it is wholesome and clean.
Environment	air, water, soil, human health	National	Legislation	The Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/2016/1154/contents/made	Streamline the legislative system for industrial and waste installations into a single permitting structure. Set out how to prevent or reduce emissions into air, water and land and prevent the generation of waste, in order to achieve a high level of protection of the environment and human health.
Environment, Social	air, human health	National	Legislation	The Air Quality Standards Regulations 2016	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/2016/1184/contents/made	Set out limits on concentrations of outdoor air pollutants that impact public health, most notably particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) and nitrogen dioxide (NO2). Sets out the procedure and requirements for the designation of Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs).
Environment	water	National	Plan	The Water White Paper (2012)	https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201012/cmselect/cme	Sets out the Government's vision for the water sector including proposals on protecting water resources and reforming the water supply industry. Outlines measures to tackle issues such as poorly performing ecosystems and the combined

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					nvfru/writev/water/wwwp31.htm	impacts of climate change and population growth on stressed water resources.
Environment	water	National	Plan	The National Policy Statement for Waste Water (2012)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69505/pb13709-waste-water-nps.pdf	Sets out Government policy for the provision of major waste water infrastructure. The policy is intended to make existing policy and practice in consenting nationally significant waste water infrastructure clearer and more transparent.
Environment, Social	water, climate, human health, material assets	National	Legislation	The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and The Flood and Water Regulations (2019) [A.116]	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/29/contents	Sets out measures to ensure that risk from all sources of flooding is managed more effectively. Includes incorporating greater resilience measures into new buildings; utilising the environment to reduce flooding; identifying areas for water storage; rolling back coastal development; and creating SuDS.

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Environment	water	National	Legislation	Groundwater (England and Wales) Regulations 2009	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2009/9780111480816	Implement in England and Wales Community legislation on pollution of groundwater. Provide rules for the granting of permits by the Environment Agency. Creates an offence of discharge of a hazardous substance or non-hazardous pollutant without a permit.
Environment, Social	water, climate, human health	National	Legislation	Flood Risk Regulations 2009	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2009/3042/contents/made	Enacted in December 2009, implement the 2007 EU Floods Directive. Require: Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment Report; Flood Hazard Maps and Flood Risk Maps; Flood Risk Management Plans; and cooperation with the Environment Agency and other Lead Local Flood Authorities.
Environment	water	National	Strategy	Future Water: The Government's Water Strategy for England (2008)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69346/pb13562-future-water-080204.pdf	Sets out how the Government wants the water sector to look by 2030, with steps to: improve water supply; agree on new infrastructure such as reservoirs; time limit abstraction licences; reduce leakage; tackle pollution to rivers; and reduce discharge from sewers.

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Environment, Social	air, human health	National	Strategy	The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (2007)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69336/pb12654-air-quality-strategy-vol1-070712.pdf	Sets out a way forward for air quality issues by setting air quality standards and objectives. Introduces a new policy framework for tackling fine particles. Objectives: further improve air quality in the UK from today and long term; and provide benefits to health, quality of life and the environment.
Environment, Social	human health, air	National	Legislation	The Environmental Noise Regulations 2006 [A.121]	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2006/2629	Apply to environmental noise, mainly from transport. Require regular noise mapping and action planning for road, rail and aviation noise and noise in large urban areas. Require Noise Action Plans identifying Important Areas.
Environment	water, human health	National	Legislation	The Urban Waste Water Treatment Regulations (2003)	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukssi/2003/1788	Protect the environment from the adverse effects of urban waste water discharges and certain industrial sectors. The regulations require the collection of waste water and specify how different types of waste water should be treated, disposed and reused.
Environment	air, water, soil	National	Legislation	The Environmental Protection Act 1990	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/43/section/113	Makes provision for the improved control of pollution to the air, water and land by regulating the management of waste and the control of emissions. Seeks to ensure

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						that decisions pertaining to the environment are made in an integrated manner.
Economy, Social	population	National	Plan	The English Devolution White Paper	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-white-paper-power-and-partnership-foundations-for-growth/english-devolution-white-paper#executive-summary	Sets out the government's plans to widen and deepen devolution across England, providing mayors with unprecedented powers and funding. Outlines how the government will rebuild and reform local government, reset the relationship between central and local government, and give communities stronger tools to shape the future of their local areas.
Economy, Social	population, human health	National	Plan	The Get Britain Working White Paper	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/get-britain-working-white-paper/get-britain-working-white-paper	Sets out plans to reform employment, health and skills support to tackle rising economic inactivity levels, support people into good work, and create an inclusive labour market in which everybody can participate and progress in work.

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Economy, Social	population, material assets, cultural heritage	National	Legislation	UK Parliament, The Levelling Up and Regeneration Act (2023) [A.126]	https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3155	Sets out the direction for planning and makes provisions to support the levelling-up agenda. Seeks to streamline the planning process. Aims to improve infrastructure delivery with a new levy system, improve alignment between plans to address cross-boundary issues, and introduces added protection for heritage assets.
Economy, Social	population	National	Plan	The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Levelling Up the United Kingdom White Paper (2022) [Economic missions]	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/levelling-up-the-united-kingdom	Sets out how the UK Government will spread opportunity more equally. 12 UK-wide missions to achieve by 2030 relating to economy and employment: rising pay, employment and productivity; increased skills training; increased domestic R&D investment outside Greater South East; and devolution deals for every part of England that wants one.
Economy	population, material assets	National	Plan	The Growth Plan 2022	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-growth-plan-2022-documents	Makes growth the government's central economic mission, setting a target of reaching a 2.5% trend rate. Sustainable growth will lead to higher wages, greater opportunities and sustainable funding for public services. Contains significant tax

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						measures with major changes for both individuals and businesses.
Economy, Environment	population, climate, material assets	National	Plan	Build Back Better: Our Plan for Growth (2021)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/build-back-better-our-plan-for-growth	Sets out a plan to 'build back better', tackling long-term problems to deliver growth that produces high-quality jobs across the UK while supporting the transition to net zero. Built on three core pillars of growth: infrastructure, skills and innovation.
Economy, Environment	biodiversity, fauna, flora, soil, climate	National	Plan	The Agricultural Transition Plan 2021 to 2024	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/agricultural-transition-plan-2021-to-2024	Aims to drive competitiveness, increase productivity, reduce carbon emissions and generate fairer returns across the agricultural industry. Introduces new schemes to improve the environment, animal health and welfare, and farm resilience, including grants for sustainable farming, creating habitats for nature recovery and establishing new woodland.
Economy, Environment	biodiversity, water, air, soil, climate	National	Legislation	The Agriculture Act 2020	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2020/21	Sets out how farmers and land managers in England will be rewarded with public money for 'public goods' such as better air and water quality, thriving wildlife, soil health, or measures to reduce flooding and tackle

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						climate change, under the Environmental Land Management Scheme.
Economy	population, material assets, climate	National	Strategy	UK Industrial Strategy: Building a Britain Fit for the Future (2018)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/664563/industrial-strategy-white-paper-web-ready-version.pdf	Lays down a vision and foundations for a transformed economy. Four 'Grand Challenges': artificial intelligence and big data; clean growth; the future of mobility; and meeting the needs of an ageing society.
Economy	material assets, population	National	Plan	The National Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2016-2021	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/520086/29045	Brings together the Government's plans for economic infrastructure over a five-year period with those to support delivery of housing and social infrastructure.

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Economy	population, material assets	National	Plan	The LEP Network Response to the Industrial Strategy Green Paper Consultation (2017)	https://www.lep-network.net/media/1470/lep-network-industrial-strategy-response-april-2017-final.pdf	Seeks to ensure that all relevant local action and investment maximises the impact across the Government's strategy. Sets out how the 38 Local Enterprise Partnerships will work with Government using existing and additional resources to develop and implement a long-term Industrial Strategy.
Economy, Environment	population, climate	National	Plan	The Department for Transport, Future of Transport: Supporting Rural Transport Innovation (2023)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/future-of-transport-supporting-rural-transport-innovation	Shows how innovative and emerging transport technologies could address some of the major challenges in rural communities. Highlights the importance of transport to everyday rural life and provides guiding principles for the introduction of new technologies and services.

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Economy, Social	population	National	Plan	The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities , Levelling Up the United Kingdom White Paper (2022) [Transport mission]	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/levelling-up-the-united-kingdom	The key mission relating to transport states that by 2030, local public transport connectivity across the country will be significantly closer to the standards of London, with improved services, simpler fares and integrated ticketing.
Environment, Social	climate, human health, population	National	Strategy	The Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy Report to Parliament (2022)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cycling-and-walking-investment-strategy-report-to-parliament-2022	Sets out objectives and financial resources for cycling and walking infrastructure. Long-term ambition is to make walking and cycling the natural choices for shorter journeys. Aims to double cycling by 2025, increase walking activity, increase the percentage of children who usually walk to school and reduce the number of cyclists killed or seriously injured on England's roads.

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Environment, Economy	climate, air	National	Plan	Decarbonising Transport: A Better, Greener Britain (2021) - Transport Decarbonisation Plan	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1009448/decarbonising-transport-a-better-greener-britain.pdf	Sets out the Government's commitments and actions to decarbonise the entire transport system. Commits to phasing out the sale of new diesel and petrol HGVs by 2040 and polluting cars and vans by 2035. Sets out how the government will improve public transport, increase support for active travel, create a net zero rail network by 2050, achieve net zero domestic aviation by 2040, and transition to green shipping.
Environment	climate, air	National	Plan	Decarbonising Transport: Setting the Challenge (2020) [A.139]	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/932122/decarbonising-transport-setting-the-challenge.pdf	Sets out the strategic priorities for the Transport Decarbonisation Plan. Sets out what government, business and society need to do to deliver significant emissions reductions across all modes of transport, putting the UK on a pathway to net zero emissions across every single mode of transport by 2050.

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Environment, Economy	air, climate	National	Plan	The Road to Zero (2018)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/739460/road-to-zero.pdf	Sets out new measures towards cleaner road transport, aiming to put the UK at the forefront of the design and manufacturing of zero emission vehicles. Main aim: all new cars and vans to be effectively zero emission by 2040.
Economy, Environment	material assets, population, climate	National	Strategy	The Transport Investment Strategy 2017	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-investment-strategy	Sets out four objectives: create a more reliable, less congested and better connected transport network; build a stronger, more balanced economy; enhance global competitiveness; and support the creation of new housing.
Environment, Economy	biodiversity, climate, material assets	National	Strategy	The Highways England Sustainable Development Strategy and Action Plan (2017)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-investment-strategy	Communicates Highways England's approach and priorities for sustainable development. Aims to further reduce the impact of activities, seeking long-term and sustainable benefit to the environment and the communities it serves.

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Environment, Social	population, climate	National	Strategy	Door to Door: A Strategy for Improving Sustainable Transport Integration (2013)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-investment-strategy	Focuses on four core areas for enabling greener transport choices: accurate, accessible and reliable information; convenient and affordable tickets; regular and straightforward connections; and safe and comfortable transport facilities. Includes details on using behavioural change methods and working with stakeholders.
Environment, Economy	climate, air	National	Strategy	Jet Zero Strategy: Delivering Net Zero Aviation by 2050 (2020)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jet-zero-strategy-delivering-net-zero-aviation-by-2050	Aims to reduce in-sector emissions from aviation by around 50% by 2050. Three principles: International leadership in coordinated global efforts; Delivered in partnership with all parts of the sector; and Maximising opportunities to boost the economy and become a more energy secure nation.
Economy	material assets	National	Plan	Airports: The Government's View Summary Document - Moving Britain Ahead (2016)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/airports-commission-final-report	Supports the construction of a new runway at Heathrow airport to provide strategic and economic benefits to the UK, offering the best deal for passengers and increasing the number of UK airports connected to Heathrow.

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Environment	climate, material assets	National	Plan	Clean Power 2030 Action Plan	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/clean-power-2030-action-plan	Government strategy to decarbonize the electricity system by 2030, aiming for 95% low-carbon generation and a shift away from fossil fuels to ensure energy security, affordability, and climate goals. Key targets include tripling offshore wind to 43-50GW, doubling onshore wind, and nearly tripling solar capacity
Social, Economy	Population, human health, material assets	National	Strategy	Pride in Place Strategy	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/68d65f83c908572e81248d46/Pride_in_Place_Strategy.pdf	National strategy to rebuild pride, power and prosperity in neighbourhoods, focusing on community-led change, long-term investment and stronger local control in places facing the greatest disadvantage. Key targets / outcomes include: long-term investment in the most doubly disadvantaged neighbourhoods, expansion of the Pride in Place Programme to more areas, delivery of the Pride in Place Impact Fund to improve shared spaces and public realm, stronger neighbourhood governance and community voice in decision-making, measurable improvements in pride, wellbeing, safety and place quality

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Environment, social	Population, health, climate, air	National	Strategy	Better Connected: A Strategy for Integrated Transport	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/69de12cb961ff0ba6bff8de9/dft-better-connected-a-strategy-for-integrated-transport.pdf	The UK Department for Transport's Better Connected: A Strategy for Integrated Transport (April 2026) sets out a long-term vision for a transport system in England that is people-focused, place-based, and delivered through partnership, aiming to make travel simpler, more reliable, affordable, accessible, and integrated across modes. It emphasises moving away from mode-specific planning toward a seamless, end-to-end user experience, supported by eight key priorities: simplifying fares, payments and information; improving safety and reliability; enhancing affordability and accessibility; promoting healthier, low-impact travel; aligning transport with housing and development; leveraging data and technology; empowering local leaders with funding and decision-making powers; and strengthening appraisal and evidence-based decisions. Overall, the strategy positions integrated transport as central to economic growth, social inclusion, and regional connectivity, with a strong focus on innovation, devolution, and coordinated planning to deliver better outcomes for communities and users.

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Social, economy, environemnt	Material assets, population, human health, air, climate,	National	Strategy	Road Investment Strategy	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/69c4265e471d520038d0f64a/ris3.pdf	The Road Investment Strategy 3 (RIS3) 2026–2031 sets out the UK Government's plan to invest over £27 billion in England's Strategic Road Network (motorways and major A roads) to ensure it is safe, reliable, resilient, and capable of supporting economic growth. It focuses on maintaining and renewing ageing infrastructure, enhancing capacity at key congestion points, and improving connectivity between regions, ports, and economic hubs, while also reducing regional inequalities and enabling housing and trade. The strategy emphasises safety improvements, including reducing fatalities and serious injuries, and responds to future challenges such as climate change and the transition to zero-emission vehicles. Alongside infrastructure investment, RIS3 highlights the importance of efficient operation, innovation, and partnership with local authorities, ensuring the road network supports wider government objectives around growth, sustainability, and integrated transport.

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Social, economy, environemnt	climate, biodiversity, water, air, material assets, and human health	National	Strategy	The Greener Railway Strategy	https://greener.networkrail.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Greener-Railway-Strategy_May-2025.pdf	The Network Rail Greener Railway Strategy (2025–2050) sets out a long-term vision to create a low-carbon, environmentally responsible, and resilient railway that supports both sustainability and community wellbeing. It focuses on delivering net zero carbon emissions, transitioning to a circular economy by reducing waste and reusing materials, and adapting infrastructure to climate change to improve resilience. The strategy also places strong emphasis on protecting land, air, and water, enhancing biodiversity, and supporting nature recovery, alongside creating a railway that is inclusive, accessible, and beneficial to local communities and economies. Underpinning these aims is a commitment to innovation, partnerships, and embedding sustainability into all operations and investment decisions, ensuring the railway contributes positively to environmental goals and wider social value over the long term.

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Social, environment	Population, human health, air, climate	National	Strategy	Bus, Back, Better: National Bus Strategy for England	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6086912fd3bf7f013c8f4510/DfT-Bus-Back-Better-national-bus-strategy-for-England.pdf	The UK Government's "Bus Back Better: National Bus Strategy for England" (2021) sets out a plan to transform local bus services by making them more frequent, reliable, affordable, and easier to use, with the goal of increasing patronage and making buses a viable alternative to private car travel. It emphasises integrated networks with simple ticketing, improved passenger information, and better coordination between operators and local authorities through partnerships or franchising, supported by £3 billion of investment. The strategy prioritises bus priority measures to tackle congestion, expanded services (including evenings and rural areas), and enhanced accessibility, while also promoting a green transition through zero-emission buses and reduced pollution. Overall, it positions buses as central to levelling up communities, improving social inclusion, supporting economic recovery, and achieving net zero objectives.

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Social, environment	Popultaion, human health, air, climate	National	Strategy	Gear Change: A bold vision for cycling and walking	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5f1f59458fa8f53d39c0def9/gear-change-a-bold-vision-for-cycling-and-walking.pdf	The UK Government's "Gear Change: A Bold Vision for Cycling and Walking" (2020) sets out a transformative strategy to significantly increase active travel by making cycling and walking safer, more attractive, and integral to everyday transport and planning decisions. It commits substantial funding to deliver high-quality infrastructure such as protected cycle lanes, low-traffic neighbourhoods, and improved walking environments, alongside measures to embed active travel in local planning, empower local authorities, and encourage behavioural change through training and incentives. The strategy highlights the wide-ranging benefits of active travel, including improved public health, reduced congestion, better air quality, and lower carbon emissions, positioning walking and cycling as central to creating healthier, greener, and more liveable communities and supporting economic growth and social inclusion.

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Social	Population, human health	National	Strategy	Sport England: Uniting the Movement 2021-2031	https://sportengland-production-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/2021-02/Sport%20England%20-%20Uniting%20the%20Movement%27.pdf?VersionId=7JxbS7dw40CN0g21_dL4VM3F4P1YJ5RW	Sport England's "Uniting the Movement" (2021) is a 10-year strategy that sets out a vision to transform lives and communities through sport and physical activity, making movement a normal and accessible part of everyday life for everyone in England. It emphasises tackling long-standing inequalities in participation, ensuring those who stand to benefit most—such as disadvantaged or underrepresented groups—have greater opportunities to be active. The strategy focuses on collaboration across sectors (including health, education, and community organisations) and prioritises key areas such as supporting community connections, improving experiences for children and young people, linking activity with health and wellbeing, and creating environments that encourage active lifestyles. Overall, it promotes a whole-system, partnership-led approach that uses sport and physical activity to enhance physical and mental health, social cohesion, economic outcomes, and community resilience.

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Environment, social	biodiversity, climate, water, landscape, human health	National	Plan	Green Infrastructure Planning and Design Guide	https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/GreenInfrastructure/downloads/Design%20Guide%20-%20Green%20Infrastructure%20Framework.pdf	The Natural England Green Infrastructure Planning and Design Guide (2023) provides a comprehensive framework for designing and integrating nature-rich, multi-functional green and blue infrastructure into new and existing developments to create healthy, resilient, and sustainable places. It emphasises embedding green infrastructure at the core of planning and design—from local strategies to site-level features—using elements such as trees, green spaces, sustainable drainage, green roofs, and ecological corridors to deliver a wide range of benefits. The guide highlights how green infrastructure supports biodiversity, climate mitigation and adaptation, flood management, improved air quality, and carbon storage, while also enhancing health, wellbeing, active lifestyles, sense of place, and social inclusion. It promotes a standards-based, place-sensitive approach that responds to local character and integrates environmental, social, and economic outcomes, ensuring developments contribute to nature recovery, climate resilience, and high-quality, liveable environments.

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Economy	material assets, population	Regional/Sub-Regional	Strategy	Cumbria Digital Infrastructure Strategy 2020-25	https://cumbria.gov.uk/elibrary/Content/Internet/536/6487/4541313334.pdf	Aims to maximise deployment of full fibre and mobile infrastructure to support the economic growth of businesses, digital inclusion so that no resident or business is left behind and delivery of more effective and efficient provision of local public services.
Environment	water, biodiversity, fauna, flora	Regional/Sub-Regional	Plan	The North West River Basin District River Basin Management Plan	https://environment.data.gov.uk/catchment-planning/RiverBasinDistrict/12/classifications	Sets out measures to protect and improve the water environment. The interactive maps set out ecological and chemical objectives for surface water and quantitative and chemical objectives for groundwater with dates of 2027 and 2063.
Environment, Social	water, human health, climate	Regional/Sub-Regional	Strategy	The Cumbria Local Flood Risk Management Strategy	https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-08/local_flood_risk_management_strategy_public_summary.pdf	Aims to coordinate the resources available in the flood risk management authorities to: maximise a reduction in local flood risk; promote a wider understanding and awareness of flooding in Cumbria; and explain how everyone can play a part in reducing flood risk.

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Environment, Economy	water, biodiversity, fauna, flora, climate	Regional/Sub-Regional	Plan	The North West Inshore and North West Offshore Marine Plan	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/north-west-marine-plan	Provides a framework that will shape and inform decisions over how the areas' waters are developed, protected and improved over the next 20 years. Vision: economic, environmental and social prosperity, ensuring effective and sustainable use of the space and resources available, whilst taking account of the area's distinctive characteristics.
Environment, Social	water, climate, human health, material assets	Regional/Sub-Regional	Strategy	The Cumbria Coastal Strategy	https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/eli-brary/Content/Internet/544/17312/43413152620.pdf	Sets out how the Council will manage the risks related to coastal flooding and erosion along the area's coastline over the next century. Needed for the Council to get approval from Government for future flood and coastal risk management schemes and to help get national funds to contribute to the cost of defences.
Environment	water	Regional/Sub-Regional	Plan	The United Utilities Water Resources Management Plan	https://www.unitedutilities.com/globalassets/z_corporate-site/about-us-pdfs/wrmp24-final/wrmp-main-report.pdf	Sets out the strategy to achieve a long-term, best value and sustainable plan for water supplies in the North West. Plans to halve leaks and reduce water use per person per day to 110 litres by 2050, develop options for water transfer outside the region, and protect the environment in the short and long term.

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Environment	water	Regional/Sub-Regional	Plan	The Northumbria n Water, Water Resources Management Plan 2024 (WRMP2024)	https://www.nw.g.co.uk/globalassets/wrmp/nwg/october-24/nwl/nw-wrmp24-main-report-final-18-october-2024.pdf	Sets out how Northumbrian Water intends to maintain a secure supply of water for customers and businesses while protecting and enhancing the environment. Aim to present a long-term preferred Best Value Plan to ensure a secure supply of wholesome drinking water and to protect and enhance the environment.
Environment, Social	climate, human health, population	Regional/Sub-Regional	Plan	The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Barrow-in-Furness 2022-2037	https://legacy.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/elibrary/Content/Internet/538/1810/38384/4474912458.pdf	Outlines the proposed network of key cycling and walking routes in the area. Identifies cycling and walking improvements at a local community level. Encouraging people to adopt a more active lifestyle will benefit their health, with a positive impact on net zero carbon emissions.
Environment, Social	climate, human health, population	Regional/Sub-Regional	Plan	The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Kendal 2022-2037	https://legacy.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/elibrary/Content/Internet/538/1810/38384/4474911322.pdf	Outlines the proposed network of key cycling and walking routes in Kendal and surrounding communities. Will work in conjunction with Cumbria's wider infrastructure plans, including the Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan. Designed to facilitate a long-term approach to developing cycling and walking networks.

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Environment, Social	climate, human health, population	Regional/Sub-Regional	Plan	The Penrith Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) 2022-2037	https://legacy.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/elibrary/Content/Internet/538/18110/38384/44819105154.pdf	Outlines the proposed network of key cycling and walking routes in the legacy district. Will work in conjunction with Cumbria's wider infrastructure plans. Designed to facilitate a long-term approach to developing cycling and walking networks. Encouraging people to adopt a more active lifestyle will benefit their health, with a positive impact on net zero carbon emissions.
Economy	population, material assets	Regional/Sub-Regional	Strategy	The Cumbria Strategy - Going for Growth (draft, 2025)	https://heyzine.com/flip-book/GoingForGrowth	Developed by Enterprising Cumbria to replace the Local Industrial Strategy. Sets out priorities for growth and for addressing constraints on growth in Cumbria. Six key priorities: increase productive business growth; enable the country's defence and energy security and transition to net zero; enhance and capitalise on natural assets and economy; transform services to drive inclusive growth; support vibrant places to attract more residents; and deliver connectivity improvements to unlock growth.

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Environment	biodiversity, cultural heritage, fauna, flora, soil	Regional/Sub-Regional	Plan	North Pennines National Landscape (AONB) Management Plan (Draft)	https://managementplan.northpennines.org.uk/vision-2040/	Provides a framework for action for the conservation and enhancement of wildlife, landscape and cultural heritage. Includes 'outcomes' under three main themes: looking after natural and cultural heritage; valuing and sharing what's special; and nurturing a natural economy. Identifies actions to reverse the decline in biodiversity, conserve landscape character, protect heritage and help people enjoy the area better.
Environment	biodiversity, cultural heritage, fauna, flora	Regional/Sub-Regional	Plan	Arnside & Silverdale Draft Management Plan 2026 - 2031	https://arnside-silverdale.files.svdcdn.com/production/assets/images/Management-Plan-Documents/Arnside-Silverdale-National-Landscape-Management-Plan-2026-2031-FINAL.pdf?dm=1773850809	Provides a strategic framework to guide all activities that might affect the National Landscape in ways that conserve and enhance the natural beauty and special qualities of the area over the 5-year period 2019-24. A statutory plan setting out a shared long-term Vision for the area.

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Economy, Social	population, material assets	Regional/Sub-Regional	Plan	The Strategic Transport Plan - Transport for the North	https://www.transportforthenorth.com/wp-content/uploads/Strategic-Transport-Plan-Transforming-the-North-2024.pdf	Outlines the need for investment in transport across the North and identifies the priority areas for improved connectivity. Transport for the North has outlined a vision for the future with the aim of connecting people, businesses and moving goods.
Social, Environment	population, material assets, cultural heritage	Regional/Sub-Regional	Plan	The Cumbria Development Design Guide	https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-08/cumbria_development_design_guide.pdf	Provides advice and guidance on the design elements that combine to create successful residential and commercial developments in Cumbria. Success measured by factors including: safe movement for all, improvement in quality of life, maintainable built environments, integration with and enhancement of the existing community and low traffic speeds.
Environment, Social	water, climate, biodiversity, material assets	Regional/Sub-Regional	Plan	The North West and North Wales Shoreline Management Plan 2	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/north-west-and-north-wales-coastal-group	Sets out policies for managing the risks of coastal erosion and tidal flooding over the next 100 years. Aims to: set out risks from flooding and erosion; identify opportunities to maintain and improve the environment; identify preferred policies for managing risks; set out monitoring procedures; inform land use planning; discourage inappropriate

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Environment, Economy, Social	climate, population, material assets	Regional/Sub-Regional	Plan	Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan	https://cumbria.gov.uk/eLibrary/Content/Internet/544/38296/44603132558.pdf	Sets the policy framework for transport and connectivity in supporting sustainable and inclusive growth in Cumbria for the period 2022-2037. Developed by Cumbria County Council and Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership. Sets out a vision for improving transport and infrastructure that provides for the needs of residents, businesses and visitors while respecting the special environment and responding to the challenges of climate change.

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Environment, Social	climate, human health, population, biodiversity	Regional/Sub-Regional	Strategy	The Heart of the Lakes Active Travel Infrastructure Strategy 2022-2037	https://cumberland.moderngov.co.uk/Data/CuCC%20County%20Council%20Local%20Committee%20for%20Allerdale/202301181000/Agenda/Appendix%201%20ALC%2018%2001%2023%20Heart%20of%20the%20Lakes%20Active%20Travel%20Infrastructure%20Strategy.pdf	Sets the policy framework for walking, wheeling, cycling and horse riding through one of the County's strategic connectivity corridors. Will help deliver the commitment in the Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan to establish comprehensive and high-quality active travel networks. Focus on promoting opportunities for easy, safe and accessible walking, wheeling and cycling via key routes through the Heart of the Lakes strategic corridor.
Environment, Social	water, climate, human health	Regional/Sub-Regional	Plan	The Catchment Flood Management Plans for South West Lakes, the Lune, River	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/south-west-lakes-catchment-flood-	Consider all types of inland flooding from rivers, groundwater, surface water and tidal flooding. Take into account the likely impacts of climate change, the effects of how people use and manage the land, and how areas could be developed to meet present day needs without compromising

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				Derwent and Kent and Leven	management-plan	the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

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Social	population, human health, material assets	Local	Strategy	The Westmorland and Furness Housing Strategy 2025-2030	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/site/default/files/2025-	Outlines the Council's vision for housing across Westmorland and Furness, priorities and the actions the Council will take. Provides a framework for the housing policies and projects Westmorland and

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					03/Housing%20Strategy%202025-2030.pdf	Furness Council will deliver over the next five years.
Social	population, human health, material assets	Local	Strategy	The Westmorland and Furness Empty Homes Strategy 2025-2030	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-03/Empty%20Homes%20Strategy%202025-2030%20web%29.pdf	Provides an understanding as to why homes become empty, the issues caused by empty homes within the area and what advice and assistance is available. Sets out how the Council will prioritise its resources to bring empty homes back into use, and where appropriate will use available powers to do so.
Environment, Social, Economy	climate, human health, biodiversity	Local	Plan	The Westmorland and Furness Council Climate Action Plan: Part One	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-08/WFC%20Climate%20Action%20Plan%20Part%20One.pdf	Will help set the scene and begin conversations about how the people of Westmorland and Furness will work together to address climate change. Will ensure the Council maximises the co-benefits of acting on climate change, such as health and wellbeing opportunities of low carbon towns and jobs and skills created through the green sector.

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Environment, Social, Economy	climate, human health, biodiversity	Local	Plan	The Westmorland and Furness Council Climate Action Plan: Part Two	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-08/WFC%20Climate%20Action%20Plan%20Part%20Two.pdf	Reviews the context of the climate crisis: climate impacts and greenhouse gas emissions. Introduces crosscutting themes to guide how the Council takes climate action and balances Council priorities. Sets out actions to reduce emissions across the area, support a just transition for communities and become a low-carbon Council.
Environment, Economy	climate, air, material assets	Local	Strategy	The Westmorland and Furness Carbon Management Strategy 2024-2029	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-08/WFC%20Carbon%20Management%20Strategy%202024-2029.pdf	Responds to the aspiration to achieve a low/net zero carbon economy. Identifies key Council operational service areas producing the greatest emissions. Aims to reduce the Council's emissions towards a Scope 1 and 2 net zero carbon position by 2037 and Scope 3 emissions by 2050 or sooner.

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Environment	climate, air	Local	Strategy	Westmorland and Furness Electric Vehicle Strategy Part One	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-01/WFC%20Electric%20Vehicle%20Strategy%20accessible.pdf	Aligns with the Westmorland and Furness Climate Change Action Plan and the Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan. Focused on setting out visions and principles for EV charging infrastructure, and recognises a wider role in encouraging the uptake of electric vehicles across Westmorland and Furness.
Social, Economy	population	Local	Plan	The Westmorland and Furness Council Plan	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/your-council/council-documents/council-plan	Sets out the Council's vision, values and priorities. Guides the Council through the transition from four legacy Councils and a period of transformation over the next five years. Fundamental to this is being a Council that listens to people and puts people at the heart of everything the Council does.

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Social, Economy	population	Local	Plan	The Westmorland and Furness Council Annual Plan 2025/26	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-07/Annual%20Plan%202025%20to%202026.pdf	The Westmorland and Furness Council Annual Plan 2025–26 sets out a focused programme of priorities aimed at delivering its vision of making the area “a great place to live, work and thrive,” with an emphasis on sustainability, improved services, and community outcomes. It highlights ten core delivery “missions” (including communities, environment, growth, housing, care, and health) and identifies specific priority actions that will receive extra attention and resources to ensure progress, particularly in improving service efficiency, balancing budgets, and addressing legacy challenges from local government reorganisation. Key themes running throughout the plan include tackling inequality and poverty, strengthening the local economy and workforce skills, and responding to climate change through initiatives such as a unified waste service, decarbonisation, and biodiversity recovery. The Council also commits to closer collaboration with communities and partners, enhancing social care and wellbeing services, expanding affordable housing, and supporting economic growth and infrastructure. Overall, the plan is a targeted, action-oriented framework focused on delivering

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						measurable improvements while maintaining accountability and long-term sustainability.

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Social	population, human health	Local	Plan	The Westmorland and Furness Children and Young People's Plan	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-10/27621%20WFC%20Children%20and%20Young%20People%20Plan.pdf	Provides a framework for work over the next five years. The Council will work with energy and courage to make a difference for communities and their children. Commitments include: being ambitious for children and young people; being proactive, innovative and collaborative; reflecting diversity and uniqueness; and being inclusive.
Social	population, human health	Local	Strategy	The Westmorland and Furness Cared for Children and Care Experienced Young People's Strategy	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-10/27333%20WFC%20Cared%20for%20Children%20Strategy_0.pdf	Emphasises the Council's commitment to a service dedicated to meeting the needs of children, young people and families. Drives the Council to consistently challenge itself, aiming for continuous improvement in the quality and effectiveness of services to enhance safety and well-being.

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Social	population, human health	Local	Strategy	The Westmorland and Furness Education Sufficiency Strategy 2024-2029 (Draft)	https://westmorlandandfurness.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s24551/DRAFT%20Education%20Sufficiency%20Strategy.pdf	Aims to provide clarity about Westmorland and Furness' strategic direction for education sufficiency. Sets out the approach to ensure the Council is fulfilling statutory duties in relation to education sufficiency across all phases. Addresses challenges including shortage of childcare places in some areas and significant numbers of surplus school places.
Social	human health, population	Local	Plan	Westmorland and Furness Joint Strategic Needs Assessment	https://westmorlandandfurness.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s24621/Summary%20JSNA%20June%2024%20v2.pdf	Provides an overarching summary of the health and wellbeing of residents of Westmorland and Furness. Collates nationally and locally published data to present an analysis of key health and wellbeing needs. Highlights key opportunities for partnership-driven interventions and has been used to develop the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

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Social	human health, population	Local	Strategy	The Westmorland and Furness Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2024-2034 and Action Plan	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-06/FINAL_Westmorland%20and%20Furness%20Joint%20Local%20Health%20and%20Wellbeing%20Strategy%20July%202024.pdf	Sets out a ten-year blueprint for how members of the Health and Wellbeing Board will work together to meet the health needs of everyone living in Westmorland and Furness. Actions under five themes: improving the building blocks of health; supporting good mental health; ensuring every child and young person has the best start in life; supporting residents to live healthy lives; and supporting residents to live well and independently for longer.
Social	population	Local	Strategy	The Westmorland and Furness Community Power Strategy	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-10/27641%20WFC%20Community%20Power%20Strategy%20spreads%20v4.pdf	Will help create the conditions for communities to thrive in Westmorland and Furness. Details how the Council wants to create conditions for community power. This strategic approach is about communities having a greater say over the places they live and more influence over their lives. Outcomes sought: communities that are strong, vibrant and resilient with greater social connectedness and better long-term health and wellbeing.

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Social, Economy	population, human health	Local	Plan	The Westmorland and Furness Bus Service Improvement Plan	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-03/Bus%20Service%20Improvement%20Plan%20%28March%202025%29.pdf	Sets out the Council's aims and aspirations in relation to bus services. Will support the Council in helping people live independently for as long as possible in a sustainable way, with access to work, health facilities, education and social networks. Aims to enable residents and visitors to choose the bus as their preferred way to travel.
Social, Economy	population, material assets	Local	Plan	The Cumberland Local Plan	https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan	Will provide the long-term strategy for sustainable growth across the district and replace the existing suite of adopted development plans. Cumberland Council is progressing with a new Local Plan. The Cumberland Council Local Development Scheme identifies a timetable for adoption in March 2028.

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Social, Economy	population, material assets	Local	Plan	The Northumberland and Local Plan 2016-2036	https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NorthumberlandCountyCouncil/media/Planning-and-Building/planning%20policy/Local%20Plan/Northumberland-Local-Plan-Adopted-March-2022.pdf	Was adopted in March 2022. The first Local Plan adopted since the formation of Northumberland as a unitary authority in 2009. Contains new policies aimed at tackling real challenges facing different parts of the County. Supersedes all previous plans prepared by the former District, Borough and County Councils.
Social, Economy, Environment	population, material assets, cultural heritage, biodiversity	Local	Plan	The County Durham Plan	https://www.durham.gov.uk/media/34069/County-Durham-Plan/pdf/CountyDurhamPlanAdopted2020vDec2020.pdf?m=1732184551360	Presents a vision for potential housing, jobs and the environment until 2035, as well as the transport, schools and healthcare to support it. Based on evidence about the county, alongside opportunities and challenges identified by residents and businesses. Covers housing, businesses and jobs, protection of the historic and natural environment, and support infrastructure.

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Social, Economy	population, material assets	Local	Plan	The North Yorkshire Local Plan	https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/planning-policy/north-yorkshire-local-plan	Will set out where development will take place across the county over the next 15 to 20 years and set out policies and strategies for planning applications. Local Development Scheme 2024 to 2028 identifies adoption of the Local Plan in Q4 2028.
Environment	climate, material assets	Local	Plan	Lancaster City Council Local Plan Partial Review	https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/about-local-plan	Adopted 22 January 2025, ensuring that planning decisions take greater account of the implications of climate change. Policies shape development proposals to achieve better outcomes for climate change mitigation, adaptation and resilience. Updates both Part One: Strategic Policies & Land Allocations and Part Two: Development Management documents.
Social, Economy, Environment	population, material assets, biodiversity, cultural heritage	Local	Plan	The Lake District National Park Local Plan 2020-2035	https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/planning/planning-policies/local-plan	Adopted in May 2021, sets out the strategy for all new development in the Lake District. Provides a framework within which decisions on planning applications can be made with predictability and efficiency. Focuses on managing the National Park in accordance with its statutory purposes and duty and on meeting the needs of its communities.

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Social, Economy, Environment	population, material assets, biodiversity, cultural heritage	Local	Plan	The Yorkshire Dales Local Plan	https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/park-authority/living-and-working/planning-policy/local-plan-2025-40/	The statutory development plan for the Yorkshire Dales National Park setting out how the National Park Authority will plan for and manage development in the period up to 2040. Used to guide day-to-day decisions on planning applications. The Yorkshire Dales Local Plan (2025-2040) is currently undergoing a public examination.
Social, Economy, Environment	population, material assets, biodiversity, cultural heritage, climate	Local	Plan	The Northumberland and National Park Local Plan	https://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Northumberland-National-Park-Local-Plan-July-2020-.pdf	Adopted in July 2020. Sets the strategic planning policies for the National Park, taking account of population trends, economic growth, climate change, resources and environmental character. Directs the scale and distribution of new development to meet the National Park's identified need to 2037. Provides planning principles and 'development management' policies to guide decisions on planning applications.

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Economy	material assets, population, climate	Local	Strategy	Westmorland and Furness Council Inclusive and Green Economic Growth Strategy	https://westmorlandandfurness.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s37740/Appendix%201%20for%20OCAB%201703%20-%20Westmorland%20and%20Furness%20Economic%20Strategy.pdf	The Economic Strategy sets out the Council's long-term approach to delivering inclusive and green economic growth between 2026 and 2035. It focuses on developing a skilled and healthy workforce, growing a resilient and productive business base, and creating connected, vibrant places. Success will be measured through growing the working-age population, increased employment and business growth, improved productivity, reduced inequality, better life chances for residents, and the achievement of net zero carbon emissions by 2037.
Environment	climate, fauna, flora, biodiversity, water, air	Local	Strategy	Westmorland and Furness Council Nature & Biodiversity Strategy	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-11/Westmorland%20and%20Furness%20Nature%20Strategy_0.pdf	A 10-year strategy to halt and reverse biodiversity loss in Westmorland and Furness by embedding nature recovery across council services, land use and partnerships, delivering benefits for wildlife, climate, health and communities. Key targets / outcomes include: Improved condition and connectivity of habitats, increased species abundance and range, nature embedded in new developments and council-managed land, stronger natural capital supporting health, wellbeing and the economy,

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						contribution to net zero by 2037 and national biodiversity recovery goals.
Social, Economy	Population, human health, material assets	Local	Strategy	Westmorland and Furness Council Cultural Framework & Delivery Framework	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-02/Westmorland%20and%20Furness%20Cultural%20Framework%20Delivery%20Plan.pdf	Delivery plan setting out how the Council will implement the Cultural Framework, using culture, arts and heritage to improve health and wellbeing, strengthen communities, and support economic growth and place-making across Westmorland and Furness.
Social	Population, human health, material assets	Local	Strategy	Westmorland and Furness Council Playground Strategy	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-06/Westmorland%20and%20Furness%20Playground%20Strategy%202025%20-%202035.pdf	10-year strategy to deliver safe, inclusive, accessible and engaging playgrounds, supporting children's physical, social and emotional development and strengthening community wellbeing across Westmorland and Furness. Key targets / outcomes include: consistent, high-quality play provision across the area, improved accessibility and inclusivity of play equipment, well-maintained, safe and durable playground assets, playgrounds that reflect local community needs and priorities,

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						ongoing review and investment through a Playground Development Action Cycle.
Social, Economy	Population, human health	Local	Plan	Get Cumbria Working Plan	https://westmorlandandfurness.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s36782/Item%20b%20Appendix%201%20summary%20Get%20Cumbria%20Working%20Plan_rev%201%202.pdf	The Get Cumbria Working Plan sets out a coordinated, partnership-led approach to tackling labour-market inactivity across Cumbria by helping more people, particularly those facing health-related or social barriers, to access and sustain good work. It aims to better connect employment, health and skills systems, reduce long-term economic inactivity, and improve progression and productivity for residents and employers. Delivery is overseen by the Cumbria Work and Health Board and includes programmes such as Connect to Work, with success measured through increased participation in employment, improved retention and progression, and better health-and-work outcomes for individuals and communities

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Economy	Material assets, population	Local	Plan	Cumbria Local Skills Improvement Plan	https://www.cumbriachamber.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Cumbria-Local-Skills-Improvement-Plan-August-2023.pdf	An employer-led plan setting out how Cumbria's skills system will better meet current and future workforce needs, focusing on recruitment, productivity, and priority growth sectors aligned to the local economy. Key priorities / targets include: improve recruitment pipelines and labour supply, strengthen basic skills (English, maths, digital) and employability skills, expand and improve apprenticeships, ensure curricula are fit for purpose and employer-informed, grow skills in digital, net zero, clean energy and leadership, address immediate shortages in care, visitor economy, land-based and manufacturing sectors.

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Social, Economy, Environment	Population, biodiversity, landscape, material assets	Local	Plan	Cumbria Destination Management Plan	https://issuu.com/cumbriatourism3/docs/dmp_main_report_-_edit_29_april_2024?fr=xKAE9_zU1NQ	A county-wide, partnership-led plan to manage and grow Cumbria's visitor economy in a way that supports economic prosperity, protects the environment, and delivers benefits for local communities. Key targets / outcomes include: a joined-up approach to destination management across all of Cumbria, higher-value, year-round tourism supporting jobs, businesses and local supply chains, improved balance between visitor demand, environmental protection and community wellbeing, strong partnership delivery through Cumbria Tourism as the Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP), clear action plan with shared responsibility and ongoing monitoring to 2030, contributing to the long-term vision to 2040.

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Economy	Material assets, population, climate	Local	Strategy	Cumbria Economic Strategy	https://cumberland.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s24476/Going+for+Growth+Final+Draft+24+Feb.pdf	A 20-year, county-wide economic strategy setting a shared vision for Cumbria to become a modern, entrepreneurial economy, driving productivity, net zero growth and shared prosperity across urban and rural places. Key targets / outcomes include: cumbria positioned as a nationally significant contributor to the UK's modern industrial strategy, increased productivity, wages and business competitiveness, growth in high-value sectors including clean energy, nuclear, robotics, agri-tech and advanced manufacturing, stronger skills pipeline aligned to employer demand, growth that benefits all people and places, while enhancing the natural environment, delivery plans developed locally to turn ambition into action.

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Social, Economy	Population, human health, material assets	Local	Plan	Barrow Rising - Plan for Barrow	https://barrowrising.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/BarrowRising_10YearPlanForBarrow.pdf	Barrow Rising 10-Year Plan sets out a long-term vision (to around 2035) for transforming Barrow-in-Furness into a thriving, prosperous town that can support major national defence programmes while improving quality of life for residents. It is delivered by Team Barrow, a partnership between the UK Government, Westmorland and Furness Council, and BAE Systems, backed by over £220 million of government investment. Key Targets include: £220m+ government investment to drive transformation across the town, 12,000 new homes across the region over 10 years, with focus on Barrow, thousands of new high-skill jobs linked to multi-decade submarine programmes, a revitalised Heart of Barrow town centre and improved health, education and skills outcomes by 2035.

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Environment	Climate biodiversity, human health, water, air, material assets	Local	Strategy	Westmorland and Furness Climate Adaptation Strategy	https://westmorlandandfurness.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s36640/Appendix%201%20for%20QCAB%202104%20-%20Climate%20Adaptation%20Strategy.pdf	A council-wide strategy setting out how Westmorland and Furness will adapt to the impacts of climate change, strengthening resilience for communities, infrastructure, services and the natural environment alongside ongoing carbon reduction efforts. Key targets / outcomes include: better preparedness for hotter, drier summers and wetter, more intense winters, reduced risks from flooding, extreme weather, heat, coastal erosion and strong winds, climate adaptation embedded across all council services and assets, stronger collaboration with communities, partners and parish councils, a foundation for delivering priority adaptation actions as resources allow, aligned with Cumbria-wide resilience work.

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Environment	Climate biodiversity, human health, water, air, material assets, soil flora, fauna	Local	Strategy	Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy	https://westmorlandandfurness.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s28249/Appendix+1+for+CAB+2101+-+Cumbria+Local+Nature+Recovery+Strategy.pdf	The Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) sets out a coordinated, landscape-scale approach to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by restoring, expanding, and connecting wildlife-rich habitats across the county, while supporting climate resilience, ecosystem services, and community wellbeing. Its overall objective is to create a joined-up Nature Recovery Network by prioritising actions in locations where they will deliver the greatest benefits for people and nature, based on evidence, mapping, and local input. Although it does not impose legally binding targets, it aligns with national ambitions to address severe declines in species and habitats—such as long-term reductions in species abundance and habitat extent—and aims to increase the extent, condition, and connectivity of habitats, improve species abundance and distribution, and embed nature recovery into decision-making, with progress to be reviewed and updated periodically (every 3–10 years).

Social, economy	Population, human health, material assets	Local	Strategy	Active Travel Infrastructure Strategies	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/parliament/active-travel/active-travel-infrastructure-strategies-atiss	The Westmorland and Furness Active Wellbeing approach/plan focuses on shifting from traditional leisure services to a broader, place-based “active wellbeing” model that supports people to live healthy, happy, and independent lives through both facilities and community settings. It emphasises increasing physical activity and wellbeing across all ages, tackling inequalities in access, and making better use of council assets by integrating leisure centres with wider community spaces, green infrastructure, and outreach services. A key theme is partnership working with communities, health services, and local organisations to design services around local needs, alongside promoting active lifestyles, social connection, and prevention (supporting people to “start well, live well and age well”). Overall, the plan sets out a more holistic, community-centred system where physical activity, wellbeing, and local environments are linked to improve health outcomes and strengthen resilient communities.
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Social, environment, economy	Popultaion, human health, material assets, climate	Local	Strategy	Westmorland and Furness Highways Asset Management Strategy (2025-2029)	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-03/Highways%20Asset%20Management%20Strategy%20%28web%20final%29_0.pdf	The Westmorland and Furness Highways Asset Management Strategy (2025–2029) sets out how the council will maintain, manage, and improve its extensive highway network in a sustainable, efficient, and risk-based way, ensuring it remains safe, reliable, and resilient despite financial constraints and climate pressures. It emphasises the importance of highways in supporting community wellbeing, economic growth, and connectivity, particularly in a rural area, while adopting long-term planning, data-driven decision-making, and lifecycle management to optimise resources and value. The strategy integrates climate change considerations, including reducing carbon impacts, improving resilience to extreme weather, and enhancing environmental outcomes such as air quality and biodiversity, alongside promoting sustainable materials and practices. Overall, it aims to deliver a customer-focused highways service that balances performance, affordability, environmental responsibility, and partnership working to support thriving communities.

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environment, economy	Climate, air, material assets	Local	Strategy	Fleet Decarbonisation and Replacement Strategy 2025-2035	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-10/28580%20WFC%20Fleet%20Decarbonisation%20and%20Replacement%20Strategy%20%28accessible%20October%202025%29.pdf	The Westmorland and Furness Fleet Decarbonisation and Replacement Strategy (2025–2035) sets out a comprehensive, evidence-based plan to transition the council's diverse vehicle fleet toward net zero emissions, supporting its wider climate commitments and operational needs. It establishes a baseline of fleet emissions and evaluates a range of low- and zero-emission technologies, including battery electric vehicles, hydrogen, and renewable fuels, alongside the infrastructure required to support them. The strategy proposes a phased replacement programme, with increasing adoption of zero-emission vehicles and alternative fuels over the next decade, while balancing cost, operational feasibility, and service delivery requirements across rural and specialist uses. It also emphasises data-driven decision-making, stakeholder engagement, and risk management, ensuring that fleet transformation contributes to reduced greenhouse gas emissions, improved efficiency, and long-term sustainability of council services.

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Social, economy	Population, human health, material assets	Local	Strategy	Westmorland and Furness Active Well-being Strategy (Emerging)	https://westmorlandandfurness.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s32843/Appendix%201%20for%20SLLB%201707%20-%20Active%20Wellbeing%20Strategy%20and%20Leisure%20options%20appraisal.pdf	The Westmorland and Furness Active Wellbeing Strategy and Leisure Options Appraisal sets out a transition from a traditional, facility-based leisure service to a more integrated, place-based “active wellbeing” model that works with communities and partners to improve health outcomes and participation in physical activity. It focuses on increasing access to inclusive, affordable opportunities for people of all ages to be active, tackling health inequalities, and supporting individuals to “start well, live well and age well” through both leisure centres and outreach in community settings such as schools and care environments. The strategy also considers future service delivery models and operational options, ensuring best value and long-term sustainability of leisure provision, while promoting use of green spaces, active travel, and potential decarbonisation opportunities as part of a broader wellbeing approach. Overall, it aims to deliver a more collaborative, flexible, and community-centred system that improves health, reduces inequalities, and maximises the impact of council assets and partnerships.

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Social, economy	Population, human health, material assets	Local	Strategy	Westmorland and Furness Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (2025)	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-01/Appendix%20Westmorland%20and%20Furness%20Council%20Playing%20Pitch%20and%20Outdoor%20Sports%20Strategy.pdf	The Westmorland and Furness Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (2025) sets out a long-term framework to ensure the provision of high-quality, accessible outdoor sports facilities and playing pitches that meet current and future demand across the area. It is based on a detailed assessment of existing supply, quality, and accessibility of facilities alongside projected participation needs, and identifies gaps, surpluses, and priorities for investment and improvement. The strategy promotes collaborative working between the council, sports governing bodies, and local partners, and provides a clear action plan to protect, enhance, and where necessary develop new facilities to support increased participation in sport and physical activity. It also aligns with wider planning and policy objectives, including supporting health and wellbeing, reducing inequalities, enabling sustainable communities, and contributing to local economic growth, ensuring that outdoor sports infrastructure plays a key role in delivering broader social and place-based outcomes.

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Environment	Biodiversity, flora, fauna, climate, water, soil, landscape	Local	Plan	Nature Strategy Appendix A: Action Plan	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-11/Westmorland%20and%20Furness%20Nature%20Strategy%20-%20Appendix%20A%20-%20Action%20Plan.pdf	The Westmorland and Furness Nature Strategy – Action Plan sets out a 10-year programme of coordinated actions to support nature recovery, enhance biodiversity, and strengthen ecosystem resilience across the area, aligned with the Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy. It is structured around six key themes: restoring and connecting habitats, recovering species abundance, enhancing landscape, heritage and public engagement with nature, investing in natural capital, sequestering carbon, and managing environmental risks. The plan includes a mix of short-, medium-, and long-term actions, delivered through partnership working, to create joined-up habitat networks, improve environmental quality, and provide wider benefits such as climate mitigation, flood management, and improved health and wellbeing. It also emphasises embedding nature into planning, decision-making and council operations, supported by monitoring and reporting to track progress and ensure continuous improvement.

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Environment	Biodiversity, flora, fauna, climate, water, soil, landscape	Local	Strategy	Nature Strategy Appendix B: Biodiversity Duty Report	https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-03/WF%20Biodiversity%20Duty%20Report%200.3%20FINAL_1.pdf	The Westmorland and Furness Biodiversity Duty Report (2023–2026) outlines how the Council is meeting its statutory obligations under the Environment Act to conserve and enhance biodiversity by embedding nature recovery into its policies, planning processes, and operations. It details a wide range of strategic actions and partnerships, including alignment with the Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy, delivery of biodiversity net gain through planning, habitat creation and restoration projects, tree and hedgerow planting programmes, peatland and seagrass restoration, and management of invasive species. The report also highlights efforts to integrate biodiversity with climate action, natural capital investment, and community engagement, supported by funding programmes and collaboration with local and national partners. Overall, it demonstrates a coordinated, evidence-based approach to reversing biodiversity decline, enhancing ecosystems, and ensuring long-term environmental, social, and economic benefits for the area.