



ORKNEY

ISLANDS COUNCIL

Orkney Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2018-2022

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005

Screening determination

In accordance with Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 Orkney Islands Council has formally determined, in consultation with Historic Environment Scotland, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Scottish Natural Heritage that implementation of the Orkney Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2018-2022 is unlikely to lead to significant environmental effects. Therefore, no environmental report will be prepared alongside the Plan.

Statement of reasons

The Orkney Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2018-2022 (the Orkney LBAP) will provide a framework for delivering biodiversity policies that are set out in the 2020 Challenge for Scotland's Biodiversity. It identifies a range of objectives, targets and actions for biodiversity locally, across the public, private and voluntary sectors.

The new Plan is the fourth edition of the existing Orkney LBAP (2002) and brings local priorities and actions for biodiversity into a single document, allowing for improved coordination of biodiversity conservation and enhancement.

The potential for significant environmental effects has already been assessed through SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment) of the higher level 2020 Challenge document. Any new or additional environmental effects are unlikely to be significant and will be minor and positive in nature.

Orkney Islands Council is therefore of the opinion that a full SEA of the Orkney LBAP 2018-2022 is not required.