



City and County of Swansea

Notice of Meeting

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

Climate Change Corporate Delivery Committee

At: Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS Teams

On: Monday, 17 October 2022

Time: 5.30 pm

Chair: Councillor Kelly Roberts

Membership:

Councillors: C R Doyle, O G James, S E Keeton, H Lawson, N L Matthews, A J O'Connor, D Phillips and S J Rice

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Next Meeting: Monday, 21 November 2022 at 5.30 pm

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Huw Evans
Head of Democratic Services
10 October 2022

Contact: Democratic Services - (01792) 636923

Agenda Item 3



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Climate Change Corporate Delivery Committee**

Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS Teams

Wednesday, 20 July 2022 at 4.00 pm

Present: Councillor K M Roberts (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

C R Doyle
N L Matthews

Councillor(s)

S E Keeton
A J O'Connor

Councillor(s)

A S Lewis
S J Rice

Officer(s)

Geoff Bacon
Deb Hill
Rachel Lewis
Jeremy Parkhouse
Jane Richmond
Mark Wade

Head of Property Services
Nature Conservation Team Leader
Project Manager
Democratic Services Officer
Project Manager Strategic Climate Change
Interim Director of Place

Also present

Councillor A S Lewis Cabinet Member for Service Transformation

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): O G James, E T Kirchner and A H Stevens

10 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City & County of Swansea, the following interests were declared: -

Councillor S J Rice declared a personal interest in Minute No.12 – Climate Change Corporate Delivery Committee Work Programme 2022-23.

11 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Climate Change Corporate Delivery Committee held on 15 June 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

12 Climate Change Corporate Delivery Committee Work Programme 2022-23.

Geoff Bacon, Head of Property Services presented a report which provided the Committee with a draft outline of the work programme for 2022-23 and what it sought to achieve in terms of policy objectives.

It was outlined that following a discussion between the Director and Cabinet Members, the priorities provided in the report were identified as draft items for the work programme 2022-23, subject to any amendments made by the Committee. The table also provided the anticipated outputs and outcome from each work plan item, the policy commitment that each work plan helps deliver and the corporate priority that each work plan item was aligned to.

The report also highlighted additional areas of work for consideration by the Committee. It was emphasised that the work programme was a 'living document' which would be amended throughout the Municipal year which would allow the Committee to develop policies.

The Chair stated that the Nature Recovery Plan would be the first item for discussion at the next scheduled meeting and it was noted that possibly more than one meeting would be required to discuss some topics. The Committee discussed a number of issues as follows: -

- 2030 Net Zero Delivery.
- Existing Waste Strategy, including food waste opportunities and use of sewage.
- Submission of questions prior to future meetings to give officers the opportunity to respond.
- Sustainable Transport Strategy, particularly examples from other cities / areas.
- Energy Generation Policy, including examples of practices in other areas / countries in Europe.
- Sustainable Food Policy – development of a 2050 Strategy, including school catering / procurement, green spaces for schools, allotment growing, support for farmers, 'farm to fork project'.
- Working in partnership with other Committees / partner organisations.

The Head of Property Services further commented that the work programme was very challenging with a number of large topics involved.

Resolved that: -

- 1) The Work Programme 2022-2023 at Paragraph 2 of the report be approved.
- 2) The Work Programme 2022-2023 report be drafted for future meetings.

13 Date & Time of Meetings Discussion.

Resolved that future meetings be held on the third Monday of the month at 5.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 4.28 pm

Chair

Agenda Item 4



Report of the Interim Director of Place

Climate Change Corporate Delivery Committee – 17 October 2022

‘Delivering on Nature Recovery & Climate Change’ Status Report

Purpose:	To further update the Committee on progress with regard to the proposed new corporate well-being objective – ‘Delivering on Nature Recovery & Climate Change’ which was agreed by Council on 7 th July 2022. This report which focuses on Nature Recovery, follows on from the report and presentation to the first meeting of this Committee on the 20 th July 2022 which updated on Climate Change.
Policy Framework:	Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015 Environment (Wales) Act 2016 -Section 6 Biodiversity Duty Delivering on Nature Recovery and Climate Change – Swansea Corporate Plan 2022/23 Swansea Public Service Board Local Well Being Plan, 2019 - Working with Nature Objective
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) Committee agrees the proposed forward plan of activity for Nature Recovery in 2022-23 to align with the steps identified for delivery of the new Corporate Well Being Objective “Delivering on Nature Recovery and Climate Change”.
Report Author(s):	Paul Meller / Deb Hill
Finance Officer:	Aimee Dyer
Legal Officer:	Jonathan Wills
Access to Services Officer:	Rhian Millar

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Climate Change and Nature Recovery agenda has evolved rapidly over the last 18 months with both a Climate and a Nature Emergency having been declared by Swansea Council in June 2019 and November 2021 respectively, and a new Corporate Well-being Objective 'Delivering on Nature Recovery and Climate Change' approved by Council on 7th July 2022.
- 1.2 This report provides the Climate Change Corporate Delivery Committee (CDC) with an overview of the work currently underway to deliver on Nature Recovery in line with the Corporate Well-Being Objective. It follows on from a report to the first meeting of the CDC in July 2022 which focussed more on Climate Change. It provides information on three emerging Strategies and Action Plans: A Swansea Nature Partnership Local Nature Recovery Action Plan, a Council Biodiversity Duty (Section 6) Plan and a Countywide Green Infrastructure Strategy.
- 1.3 The purpose of each of these Strategies is to gain support for, and commitment to, delivering co-ordinated actions to improve the quality and resilience of the natural environment through increasing Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure and the many beneficial ecosystem services they provide. They will help to deliver the Council's duties under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, as well as the Council's Corporate Plan and other key policy commitments. All three of these Strategies are at relatively early stages of preparation and initial engagement with key stakeholders has only just begun.
- 1.4 Once agreed these Strategies will provide the shared ambition, priorities, delivery framework and reporting mechanisms to ensure effective and collaborative delivery of actions that will make a positive contribution to Nature Recovery and Green Infrastructure, as well as contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation. This report outlines the process of preparing the three Strategies. Listening to and acting on stakeholder and community groups ideas will help shape these Strategies and involving partners will be paramount to success.

2.0 Swansea Nature Recovery Plans and Strategies /Policy Framework

Swansea's Nature Recovery Policy Framework is set out in a suite of 3 emerging interrelated strategic plans, namely:

2.1 Local Nature Recovery Action Plan

The Swansea Local Nature Recovery Action Plan (LNRAP) is a non-statutory partnership plan which is being produced by the Swansea Nature Partnership, of which the City & Council of Swansea is a host and lead partner. It will update and replace the existing Local Biodiversity Action Plan published in 2005. The Plan will contribute towards the six national objectives of the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales. A first draft of some of the main sections of the plan was sent out to the Partnership for

review in July 2022 (**Appendix B** provides further context). Workshops with interested partners are planned to be held in September /October 2022 to enable partners to contribute to the detail of the Plan and highlight the role they can play in delivering actions. Key partners such as Natural Resources Wales (NRW) have already been engaged. This work is being led by the Council's recently appointed Local Nature Partnership Co-ordinator. The LNRAP will always remain a live document (as the intention is to publish it as a website). The aim is for a final version to be ready within the next 6-12 months.

2.2 Biodiversity/Section 6 Plan

As required under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Biodiversity Duty, in December 2019 the Council published and submitted to Welsh Government its first Section 6 Monitoring Report outlining actions it had taken to maintain and enhance biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems over the past 3 years (2016-2019). The next monitoring report (covering the period from Jan 2020 – Dec 22) is currently being prepared and will be submitted to Welsh Government in January 2023.

Looking forward, a Section 6 Action Plan is being prepared outlining actions that the Council will undertake to benefit nature recovery over the next 3 years. The Section 6 Biodiversity Action Plan provides the Council's contribution to the overarching Local Nature Recovery Action Plan and will follow a similar format responding to the six key objectives of the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales. A questionnaire has been sent to all Council Heads of Service to gather information for both the Monitoring Report and the Action Plan. A series of awareness raising presentations and workshops are also being planned. This work is being led by the Council's Section 6 Officer.

2.3 Countywide Green Infrastructure Strategy

Following the adoption of the City Centre Green Infrastructure (GI) Strategy in Feb 2021 and the subsequent development of an Action Plan (copy attached at **Appendix C** for information), a Countywide GI Strategy is now under preparation. This non-statutory strategy seeks to inform decisions on GI and increase resilience to climate change as well as contributing to nature recovery.

Initial face to face engagement workshops were held in Feb 2020 but further consultation was interrupted by Covid. The engagement process is due to recommence with a series of workshops with key stakeholder groups and face to face conversations with members of the community planned for the Autumn. This work is being led by the Nature Conservation Team and is a joint project with Natural Resources Wales. A draft version of the strategy is due for consultation by end of March 2023

3. Integrated Assessment Implications

- 3.1 The Council is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage
 - Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language
 - Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
 - Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- 3.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals'.
- 3.3. Our Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) process ensures we have paid due regard to the above. It also takes into account other key issues and priorities, such as poverty and social exclusion, community cohesion, carers, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and Welsh language. An IIA Screening Form has been completed with the agreed outcome that a full IIA report was not required. This report relates only to the process of preparing the three strategies. The IIA screening form is attached as **Appendix A**.
- 3.4 The purpose of each of these three Strategic Plans is to gain support for and commitment to delivering co-ordinated actions that improve the quality and resilience of the local environment through increasing Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure and the many beneficial Ecosystem Services they provide. This report relates only to the process of preparing the three Strategies. Therefore, the overall impact of this report is considered positive but relatively low.
- 3.5 Once developed and agreed these strategies will provide the shared ambition, priorities, governance and monitoring framework to ensure the effective and collaborative delivery of actions that make a positive contribution to Nature Recovery. It is anticipated that the draft Strategies once prepared will be subject to a further IIA screening as part of their signing off process.

- 3.6 Initial consultation feedback has been very positive. Plans for continuing with more general engagement include a series of awareness raising presentations and workshops with key internal and external stakeholder groups during the Autumn, together with targeted community engagement at a local (ward) level.
- 3.7 The proposed Strategies and Plans are 100% in line with the Well-being of Future Generations Act (in particular the Resilient Wales Goal), as well as the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, the Swansea Well-being Plan, the Council Corporate Plan and Natural Resources Wales' Area Statement for South and West Wales. There are no identified risks in preparing these Strategies and Plans. Risk would arise from not preparing them.
- 3.8 These are essential Strategies and Plans required to meet the Council's legislative, corporate and partnership responsibilities to ensure Nature Recovery and respond to the declared Nature Emergency. There are no significant risks associated with this project, the project has been scored as 'low risk' and the outcomes are all deemed positive, therefore a full IIA is not deemed necessary

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications other than those set out in the body of this report.

Background Papers:

[Climate change and nature recovery - Swansea](#)

[Wales Biodiversity Partnership - Nature Recovery Action Plan \(biodiversitywales.org.uk\)](#)

[Local Nature Partnerships Cymru - Home \(lnp.cymru\)](#)

[11 - Section 6 Biodiversity Monitoring Report Dec 2019.pdf \(swansea.gov.uk\)](#)

[Climate action - Green infrastructure strategy - Swansea](#)

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Integrated Impact Assessment Screening Form – Appendix A

Please ensure that you refer to the Screening Form Guidance while completing this form.

Which service area and directorate are you from?

Service Area: **Natural Environment**

Directorate: **Place**

Q1 (a) What are you screening for relevance?

- New and revised policies, practices or procedures
- Service review, re-organisation or service changes/reductions, which affect the wider community, service users and/or staff
- Efficiency or saving proposals
- Setting budget allocations for new financial year and strategic financial planning
- New project proposals affecting staff, communities or accessibility to the built environment, e.g., new construction work or adaptations to existing buildings, moving to on-line services, changing location
- Large Scale Public Events
- Local implementation of National Strategy/Plans/Legislation
- Strategic directive and intent, including those developed at Regional Partnership Boards and Public Services Board, which impact on a public bodies functions
- Medium to long term plans (for example, corporate plans, development plans, service delivery and improvement plans)
- Setting objectives (for example, well-being objectives, equality objectives, Welsh language strategy)
- Major procurement and commissioning decisions
- Decisions that affect the ability (including external partners) to offer Welsh language opportunities and services

(b) Please name and fully describe initiative here:

Delivering on Nature Recovery & Climate Change – Status report

This status report provides the new Climate Change Corporate Delivery Committee (CDC) with an overview of the work currently underway to deliver the new Corporate Well-Being Objective. 'Delivering on Nature Recovery & Climate Change' which was agreed by Council on 7th July 2022. This report provides an update on Nature Recovery following on from a report to the first meeting of the CDC in July 22 which focussed more on Climate Change. In particular, it provides information on three emerging Strategies and Action Plans: A Partnership Nature Recovery Action Plan; a Council Biodiversity Duty (Section 6) Plan; and a Green Infrastructure (GI) Strategy.

Q2 What is the potential impact on the following: the impacts below could be positive (+) or negative (-)

	High Impact		Medium Impact		Low Impact		Needs further investigation
	+	-	+	-	+	-	
Children/young people (0-18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Older people (50+)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any other age group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Future Generations (yet to be born)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race (including refugees)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asylum seekers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gypsies & travellers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or (non-)belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual Orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Integrated Impact Assessment Screening Form – Appendix A

Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welsh Language	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poverty/social exclusion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carers (inc. young carers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community cohesion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marriage & civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy and maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q3 What involvement has taken place/will you undertake e.g. engagement/consultation/co-productive approaches? Please provide details below – either of your activities or your reasons for not undertaking involvement.

All three of these Strategies/Plans are at relatively early stages and although engagement and consultation plans have been prepared for each, the consultation and engagement process has only recently begun. Both the Nature Recovery Action Plan (NRAP) and the GI Strategy are being developed in partnership/collaboration with a range of external stakeholders including Natural Resources Wales. So far, wider stakeholder engagement has included questionnaires and face to face interviews with participants at the Gower Show, and the 4th Region Green Recovery Conference, a Section 6 questionnaire sent to all Council Heads of Service, a draft NRAP framework sent for comment to all members of the Local Nature Partnership, several meetings of the GI steering Group, plus extensive consultation/engagement previously undertaken in relation to the City Centre GI Strategy and Action Plan which will feed into the County Wide GI Strategy as well as previous internal discussions through the Corporate Climate and Nature Programme Board. The next steps include a series of awareness raising presentations and workshops with key internal and external stakeholder groups during the Autumn, together with targeted community engagement at a local (ward) level.

Q4 Have you considered the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 in the development of this initiative:

- a) Overall does the initiative support our Corporate Plan’s Well-being Objectives when considered together?
 Yes No

- b) Does the initiative consider maximising contribution to each of the seven national well-being goals?
 Yes No

- c) Does the initiative apply each of the five ways of working?
 Yes No

- d) Does the initiative meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs?
 Yes No

Q5 What is the potential risk of the initiative? (Consider the following impacts – equality, socio-economic, environmental, cultural, legal, financial, political, media, public perception etc...)

High risk

Medium risk
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Low risk
X

Integrated Impact Assessment Screening Form – Appendix A

Q6 Will this initiative have an impact (however minor) on any other Council service?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details below

All key policy drivers that influence nature recovery are now working as an established Nature Recovery and Climate Change Programme Board which is part of the governance structure to ensure priority is given to meeting agreed targets. As part of this process, each service delivery area will be required to consider the impact of their actions on biodiversity and ways in which they can contribute more to nature recovery.

Q7 What is the cumulative impact of this proposal on people and/or communities when considering all the impacts identified within the screening and any other key decisions affecting similar groups/ service users made by the organisation?

(You may need to discuss this with your Service Head or Cabinet Member to consider more widely if this proposal will affect certain groups/ communities more adversely because of other decisions the organisation is making. For example, financial impact/poverty, withdrawal of multiple services and whether this is disadvantaging the same groups, e.g., disabled people, older people, single parents (who are mainly women), etc.)

The purpose of each of these three Strategic Plans is to gain support for, and commitment to, delivering co-ordinated actions to improve the quality and resilience of the natural environment through increasing Biodiversity and Green infrastructure and the many beneficial ecosystem services they provide. This report relates to the process of preparing the three strategies.

Once agreed these strategies will provide the shared ambition, priorities, delivery framework and reporting mechanisms to ensure effective and collaborative delivery of actions that make a positive contribution to Nature Recovery.

Listening to and acting on stakeholder and community groups ideas will help shape these strategies, involving partners will be paramount to success. We need everyone in Swansea (at home, in the workplace, and across the County) to act now and consider what they can do to reduce their impact on biodiversity.

Integrated Impact Assessment Screening Form – Appendix A

Outcome of Screening

Q8 Please describe the outcome of your screening below:

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Once developed and agreed these strategies will provide the shared ambition, priorities, governance and monitoring framework to ensure the effective and collaborative delivery of actions that make a positive contribution to Nature Recovery. It is anticipated that the draft strategies once prepared will be subject to a further IIA screening as part of their signing off process.

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The proposed Strategies and Plans are 100% in line with the Well-being of Future Generations Act (in particular the Resilient Wales Goal), as well as the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, the Swansea Well-being Plan, the Council Corporate Plan and Natural Resources Wales' Area Statement for South and West Wales. There are no identified risks in preparing these Strategies and Plans. Risk would arise from not preparing them.

These are essential Strategies and Plans required to meet the Council's legislative, corporate and partnership responsibilities to ensure Nature Recovery and respond to the declared Nature Emergency. There are no significant risks associated with this project, the project has been scored as 'low risk' and the outcomes are all deemed positive, therefore a full IIA is not deemed necessary

(NB: This summary paragraph should be used in the relevant section of corporate report)

Full IIA to be completed

X Do not complete IIA – please ensure you have provided the relevant information above to support this outcome

NB: Please email this completed form to the Access to Services Team for agreement before obtaining approval from your Head of Service. Head of Service approval is only required via email.

Screening completed by:
Name: Deb Hill
Job title: Nature Conservation Team Leader
Date: 26/08/22
Approval by Head of Service:
Name: Phil Holmes
Position: Director of Place
Date:

Please return the completed form to access@swansea.gov.uk

Local Nature Recovery Action Plan Context

Background

The need for a Local Nature Recovery Action Plan (LNRAP) in Swansea stems from the Nature Recovery Action Plan (NRAP) for Wales which was originally published in 2015 and then updated in 2020/21¹. It is the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Wales and sets out how the United Nations Environment Programme's Convention on Biological Diversity's (CBD) Strategic Plan for Biodiversity² (and the associated Aichi Biodiversity Targets for 2011-20 in Wales) is addressed in Wales.

The NRAP for Wales sets out six objectives for nature recovery in Wales (Table 1) and is complemented by five themes of action (Table 2) aimed at addressing issues that are driving decline in biodiversity, and to support recovery. Local Nature Recovery Action Plans (LNRAP) are not statutory documents but they are one of the delivery mechanisms to meet the national objectives, whilst also co-ordinating delivery of nature recovery action that addresses local priorities. These local priorities can be identified from a variety of sources including, Natural Resource Wales (NRW) Area Statements^{3,4} (Table 3), previous biodiversity plans (e.g., Local Biodiversity Action Plans⁵), Swansea PSB Well Being Assessment and Well Being Plan, community engagement and local experts/Local Nature Partnership partners. LNRAPs are partnership plans produced by Local Nature Partnerships (LNPs). They will be produced for every Local Authority and National Park in Wales.

Table 1. Six Objectives for Nature Recovery in Wales

Number	Objective
1	Engage and support participation and understanding to embed biodiversity throughout decision making at all levels
2	Safeguard species and habitats of principle importance and improve their management
3	Increase the resilience of the natural environment by restoring degraded habitats and habitat creation
4	Tackle key pressures on species and habitats
5	Improve our evidence, understanding and monitoring
6	Put in place a framework of governance and support delivery

¹ [Nature recovery action plan | GOV.WALES](https://gov.wales/nature-recovery-action-plan)

² [Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including Aichi Biodiversity Targets \(cbd.int\)](https://www.cbd.int/strategic-plan)

³ [Natural Resources Wales / South West Wales Area Statement](https://www.naturalresources.wales/south-west-wales-area-statement)

⁴ [Natural Resources Wales / Introduction to Wales' Marine Area Statement](https://www.naturalresources.wales/introduction-to-wales-marine-area-statement)

⁵ [Swansea Local Biodiversity Action Plan - Swansea](https://www.swansea.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-and-democracy-reports-and-agendas/2019-2020/swansea-local-biodiversity-action-plan-swansea)

Table 2. Five Themes of Action for Nature Recovery in Wales

Number	Theme of Action
1	Maintaining and enhancing resilient ecological networks
2	Increasing knowledge and knowledge transfer
3	Realising new investment and funding
4	Upskilling and capacity for delivery
5	Governance, mainstreaming and reporting our progress

Table 3. Themes/Challenges identified in relevant NRW Area Statements

Number	Area Statement Theme/Challenge
South West Area Statement (includes Swansea, Neath Port Talbot, Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire)	
1	Reducing health inequalities
2	Ensuring sustainable land management
3	Reversing the decline of, and enhancing, biodiversity
4	Mitigating and adapting to climate change
Marine Area Statement (covers inshore waters of Wales out to 12 nautical miles)	
1	Building resilience of marine ecosystems
2	Nature-based solutions and adaptation at the coast
3	Making the most of marine planning

Swansea Local Nature Recovery Action Plan – An Overview

The Swansea LNRAP is intended to be for everyone. The Swansea LNRAP recognises that everyone benefits from nature in some way, and thus everyone needs to play a part to aid nature recovery. We want the plan to be accessible and useful to a diverse audience all the way from school children right up to policy and decision makers, and everyone in between. Therefore, in terms of the overarching vision of the LNRAP, the most important things are that the LNRAP is:

- Accessible to a wide range of people
- Engaging and able to be used by partners, policy makers and members of the public alike
- Transparent in terms of making it clear what we as a partnership intend to do
- Ambitious because we are in a Nature Emergency

In terms of content, the LNRAP intends to:

1. Outline the current extent and state of the biodiversity/natural environment resource in Swansea
2. Highlight why nature and nature recovery matter
3. Identify local priorities for action to meet national nature recovery objectives and set out how the Swansea Nature Partnership intends to work towards achieving them
4. Outline how the public can take action to assist nature recovery in Swansea

5. Set out a format for monitoring and reporting actions and progress towards achieving nature recovery

Further detail on the main areas of the LNRAP are set out below. However, please note that as the Local Nature Partnership (LNP) is currently still reviewing the first draft/initial framework of the LNRAP the overall structure, as well as the current content, the Swansea LNRAP could change based on partner feedback.

1. Extent and state of nature in Swansea

This is factual information that is intended to provide an overview of the diversity and extent of nature within Swansea. Previous work such as habitat and species audits provided by the South East Wales Biodiversity Records Centre (SEWBReC), as well as feedback from LNP partners will feed into this information.

2. Why nature recovery matters

This will set out the context of, and why we are creating the LNRAP, as well as providing accessible explanations of the importance of nature and nature recovery e.g. through the use of infographics.

3. Local priorities for action

Currently it is proposed that the LNRAP will set out higher-level action themes for how the Swansea LNP plan on meeting national nature recovery objectives. It is intended that these action themes would be a set of common goals at a high level that would guide specific project delivery from the LNP, as well as directing or informing other plans/strategies that would feed into the LNRAP such as Section 6 plans. The action themes will be linked to the six objectives for Wales (Table 1) and, where relevant, it will be identified where they contribute to the five themes of action and area statement themes/challenges. Table 4 below provides an example.:

Table 4. Example Swansea LNRAP action theme

National Objective for Nature Recovery in Wales	Proposed Swansea LNRAP Action Theme	Theme of Action from NRAP for Wales	South West Area Statement Theme/Challenge
3. Increase the resilience of our natural environment by restoring degraded habitats and habitat creation	3.5. Restore and create habitat and green infrastructure in urban and peri-urban areas, to increase access to semi-natural green and blue spaces and the associated well-being benefits for communities	1. Maintaining and enhancing resilient ecological networks	1. Reducing health inequalities

4. How the public can assist in nature recovery

This will encompass various suggested actions that members of the public (or anyone) could do to aid nature recovery in Swansea. The actions will be linked to relevant external resources and incorporate existing local projects and/or tie in with national schemes where possible.

5. Monitoring and reporting

The agreed process for how the LNP intends to monitor and record and report their actions under the LNRAP will be set out.

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Action Plan

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This Action Plan delivers the objectives of the Strategy using the Strategy’s performance indicators and targets as set out in Table 3 pages 18 – 20 of the Strategy. The Action Plan will be regularly updated and will form part of the monitoring of the delivery of the Strategy.

The Strategy was developed using the Theory of Change model. The Theory of Change model below (Figure 1) shows how the Action Plan fits within this logic model.



Figure 1: Theory of Change model for the Strategy

Strategic Objective	Performance Indicator (How we measure it)	Short term (<3 years) (activities) (activities / outputs)	Medium term (4-9 years) (activities / outputs)	Long term (10-25 years) (activities / outputs)
Provide a high quality nature rich environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase biodiversity. • Increase terrestrial GI. • Increase canopy cover. • GI to achieve the strategy's five GI principles by being multifunctional, biodiverse, adapted for climate change, healthy and smart and sustainable. • Number of green roofs installed to GRO code requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a baseline for biodiversity in the Swansea Central Area (SCA). • Review opportunity for increasing biodiversity across the SCA and map potential. Deliver biodiversity /nature recovery enhancement schemes • Identify sites suitable for wild flower planting on Council owned land. • Explore opportunities for Swansea to become a 'Swift City' • Encourage partners to design for and deliver biodiversity in all new developments / refurbishments. • Green Infrastructure audit for the SCA. • Establish baseline and opportunities for green roofs in the SCA. • Establish baseline for canopy cover in the city centre from which to measure success. • Review opportunity for canopy cover across the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement plans to continue to enhance biodiversity. • Expect partners to apply the 12 Trees in the Townscape principles to all developments. • Encourage partners (including the PSB) to become Trees in the Townscapes champion by officially endorsing the 12 Trees in the Townscape principles. • Work in partnership with community groups to identify sites and plant trees to increase canopy cover. • Tree planting programme to meet canopy cover target. • (If appropriate) Promote the CAVAT method for tree evaluation. • (If appropriate) Expect developers and land managers to use CAVAT as a principle method for tree valuation on development sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and maintenance of canopy cover. • Monitoring and maintenance of biodiversity. • Continued learning and adaptation of the design, installation and maintenance of solutions.

		<p>city centre and map potential to reach 25%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in partnership with community groups to identify sites and plant trees to increase canopy cover. • Develop and implement process for monitoring percentage of canopy cover. • Become a Trees in the Townscapes champion by officially endorsing the 12 Trees in the Townscape principles in SCA. • Raise awareness of the 12 Trees in the Townscape principles and encourage partners to apply the principles to all developments. • Ensure GI is built into schemes from the outset. • Develop knowledge of Capital Asset Value for Amenity Trees (CAVAT). • Research the best application of CAVAT and apply. 		
<p>Ensure the city centre is resilient to the impacts of climate change</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GI solutions to achieve the strategy's five GI principles by being multifunctional, biodiverse, adapted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal education knowledge skills and training with relevant Council Services i.e. drainage, highways, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community engagement, knowledge and skills development. • Monitor performance of vegetation in the city centre. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swansea becomes a 'Sponge City'. • Ongoing monitoring, maintenance learning and adaptation.

	<p>for climate change, healthy and smart and sustainable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with partners to assess all available data for monitoring. 	<p>planning and estates across the organisation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External education knowledge skills and training with relevant stakeholders and partners. • Include in the development of the Countywide GI Strategy. • Application of the Strategy and the SuDS regulations. • Design and implement GI solutions to pursue 'Sponge City' agenda. • Mitigate the 'heat island' effect by increasing the area of soil, water and vegetation in the city centre. • Mapping out potential sites for retrofitting green roofs. • Increase the number of green roofs and walls in the SCA by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring green roofs are built into schemes from the outset • Ensuring refurbishment schemes support delivery of the Strategy • Provide training on the Green Space Factor tool. • Provide training on how to design, build and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate SMART city opportunities in monitoring and recording GI benefits and needs. • Develop Swansea as a 'Sponge City' through implementation of good multifunctional SuDS. 	
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		<p>maintain green roofs and green walls.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure quality and multi-functionality by expecting developers to follow the GRO Green Roof Code - Green Roof Code of Best Practice for the UK 2014. • Increase canopy cover. 		
<p>Create a distinctive destination city</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of GI projects enabled by the Target Regeneration Investment (TRI) programme or similar. • Monitor using mapping data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the programmes and identify which are most appropriate / develop a timeline to achieve accretion / status i.e. Biophilic City, National Park City, UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. • Build GI into SCA improvement programmes and grants. • Ensure the Green Space Factor tool (GSF tool) is used on Council led developments. • Encourage developers and land managers to improve GI. • Encourage the use of GSF tool by partners and on non Council led developments. • Develop and implement a process for monitoring improvements to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attain wildlife and well-being friendly city schemes such as; Biophilic City, National Park City, UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. • Report and continue to monitor improvements to economic, social and environmental wellbeing in the SCA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review, learn and adapt to maximise on the improvements to economic, social and environmental wellbeing in the SCA.

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Ensure stakeholder and community involvement in the design and maintenance of GI.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of GI projects incepted / co-produced and / or maintained by stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a community of GI champions. Support / work with partners to deliver multidisciplinary projects. Establish networks and opportunities for collaborative working. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to build and deliver multidisciplinary projects. Maintain established networks and collaborations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a GI literate community.
Create a skilled and knowledge local economy to deliver and maintain GI.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of events to raise awareness of GI for businesses / organisation to build the local GI sector. Number of Small and Medium size Enterprises specialising in delivery and maintenance of GI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training delivered to create a shared foundation of understanding of the 'what' 'why' and 'how' of GI. Regional GI conference to build knowledge and community of practice. Delivery of practical courses to enable local business to design and install GI schemes. Supplier and market development. Development of a network for local suppliers and business to stimulate commercial interest in GI solutions. Development of accessible information to ensure high quality designed installations which will maximise value and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing resource development and training activities. Ongoing supplier and market development. Explore best methods for recognising and sharing local skills. Scope opportunity to provide apprenticeships in GI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to develop a knowledgeable and thriving local GI sector. Continue to provide training to ensure sector is up to date.

		<p>contribute to the 5 principles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive website. • Use of social media to share knowledge and networking <i>#citynature</i>. • Develop a bursary scheme with places for students to gain work experience with a credible GI company. • Scoping of accredited training module for Wales. 		
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- Develop a plan to monitor and manage both individual sites and collectively to maximise multifunctional benefits.
- Report on progress every 3 years via the Council's Section 6 Duty monitoring.
- Report annually to the Public Service Board via 'Working with Nature' Objective.

Agenda Item 5



Report of the Chair

Climate Change Corporate Delivery Committee – 17 October 2022

Work Plan 2022-2023

Date of meeting	Agenda items and Format
15 June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Plan Discussion
20 July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Programme 2022-2023
19 September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cancelled
17 October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nature Recovery Plan
21 November 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waste Strategy
12 December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustainable Transport Strategy
16 January 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy Generation Policy
20 February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustainable Food Policy
20 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustainable Products
17 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflection
	Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Net Zero 2030