

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY INQUIRY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Service Area:	Corporate Building Services
Directorate:	Place

1. Prior to receiving this questionnaire, did you know that the City and County of Swansea has a Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty?

Please tick

YES
NO

X

2. Briefly describe below the main local authority functions undertaken in your service area.

**To carry out all building repairs and maintenance to the Authorities property portfolio, including new build schools and houses.
All legislative and compliance servicing for Gas, Electric, Legionella, Fire and Asbestos management.**

3. During your day to day work, do you currently consider biodiversity when making decisions? If YES please describe what you currently do to maintain and enhance the Natural Environment and Biodiversity.

We recycle as many components as possible from the waste that we generate, all scrap materials are returned to the depot so that they may be recycled. When purchasing materials we request how much of their product is sourced from recycled materials, and how they recycle any packaging etc. and if off cuts may be returned.

Certain employees have been trained on how to stop a spillage entering the water course, with spillage kits being available.

The Capital programme for the WHQS is aimed at improving the thermal efficiency of the building which in turn reduces the amount of CO2 that is generated.

We only install boilers that have a SEDBRUC band A which measures the efficiency of the boiler, all Band A are over 95% efficient again reducing the amount of CO2 generated.

We carry out repairs to White goods that have been supplied as part of a “Furniture pack” reducing the number of appliances that used to be scrapped.

A large amount of the waste that we produce is taken to Derwen plant who recycle over 90% of all waste taken to their depot.

Within our depot we have separate waste skips so that waste is segregated rather than using mixed skips further increasing the amount of recycling that may be achieved.

- 4. Do you have any ideas about how your department could do more/work differently to contribute to the maintenance, enhancement and promotion of the natural environment and biodiversity in Swansea Council?**

Access to information relating to how they may improve the natural environment, if they are given the knowledge then they will contribute more than they currently do.

- 5. Please list below any constraints that may prevent the delivery of the above actions.**

None, the information is available but not widely shared, it could be added as a topic on the Corporate briefing note so that all employees receive a particular topic each month.

6. What help and support would enable you overcome these constraints? If you have any other comments, please list them here.

None.

Please return completed questionnaire to Bethan Hopkins, Scrutiny Officer by Friday 6th July 2018 bethan.hopkins@swansea.gov.uk 01792 636292

THANK YOU

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