

<b>Project Title: PSB Highlight Report</b>	<b>Workstream: Working with Nature</b>
<b>Project Lead: Natural Resources Wales/ Swansea Environmental Forum</b>	<b>Date: 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>

<b>Project Overview</b>	<b>Links to other workstreams or partners</b>
<p>The Swansea Local Well-being Plan, Working Together to Build a Better Future, was published by Swansea Public Services Board (PSB) in May 2018 presenting a vision for Swansea with four main objectives and a cross-cutting action to improve the well-being of people in Swansea. The Plan outlined a number of short-, medium- and long-term steps that partners will take together to progress each of the objectives.</p> <p>One of the four objectives in the Swansea Local Well-being Plan is Working with Nature which highlights the importance of the natural environment to health and well-being and sets out proposals for increasing green infrastructure and biodiversity, reducing our carbon footprint and improving our understanding of natural resources and sustainability. A task group with representatives of PSB members was formed to develop and deliver an action plan for this objective.</p>	<p>See Working with Nature Action Plan.</p>
<b>Project Outcomes/ Milestones</b>	
<p>The 'steps' (actions) are to meet the objective as set out in the driver diagram <a href="http://www.swansea.gov.uk/localwellbeingplan">www.swansea.gov.uk/localwellbeingplan</a> and Working with Nature Action Plan.</p>	

## Key Updates this period

### Highlights – Achievements / Outcomes

#### WWN Task Group

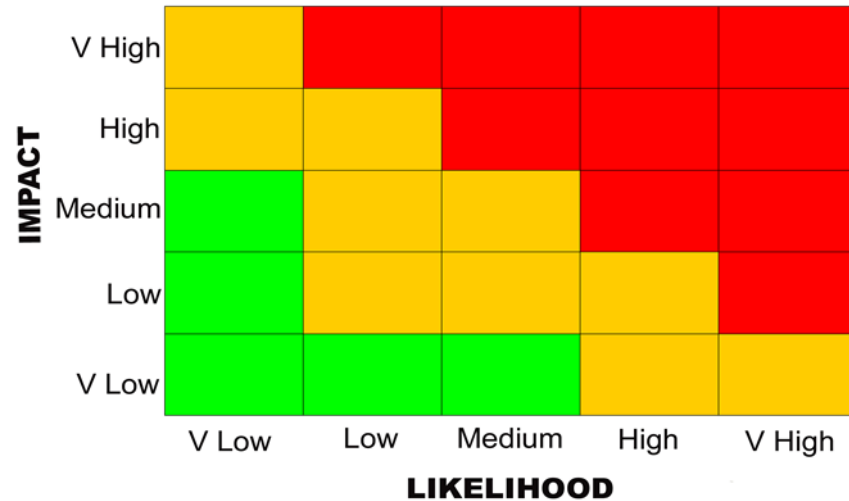
- Due to staff changes and availability, the Working with Nature Task Group hasn't met for seven months but will meet on 10<sup>th</sup> February to review the outputs from the conference, share progress on the action plan and agree priorities for 2020.

#### Green Infrastructure

- The city centre GI strategy (*Swansea Central Area: Regenerating Our City for Wellbeing and Wildlife*) consultation draft went out for public consultation 20th Nov – 31st Dec 2019 and responses are currently being analysed before the final version is prepared for adoption.
- Engagement on the county-wide strategy commenced this month, starting with Theory of Change workshops on the 26th and 27th February organised by Urban Foundry, and is likely to continue through to May 2020.
- A GI skills and knowledge development event is planned for later this year.
- The Welsh Government funded *Connecting Green Infrastructure – South West* project has also provided support for a number of GI projects including habitat management and access improvements at Local Nature Reserves and wildlife sites. The NRW Our Nature Our Future Project has enabled plans to be prepared for 20 local primary schools to improve their grounds for biodiversity.

## Overview of key risks

**Risk Matrix (RAG Status)**



1. Risk 1
2. Risk 2
3. Risk 3

Ecosystem Services

- There has been as surge in tree planting schemes across Swansea organised by various organisations and communities. Whilst this is welcomed, the WWN Task Group is keen to ensure that appropriate trees are planted in appropriate locations. The newly established Swansea Tree Forum could play a key role in this.
- The first phase of identifying suitable sites for tree planting on Swansea Council land has been carried out and Glastir funding secured for four sites to be planted this year.

Carbon Reduction

- Discussions are ongoing between Swansea Council, Swansea Environmental Forum, VocalEyes and other partners about how best to address the climate emergency and the engagement of communities and stakeholders.
- Low Carbon Swansea Bay held an event on Travel and Transport in January and is looking at developing a Healthy Travel Charter for Swansea and/or the south-west region, following a similar model to Cardiff. Transport has been proposed as a key focus in 2020 for Swansea Environmental Forum and its partners as part of their climate action programme.

Priorities for next period

- **Continue GI strategy work – consultation & training**
- **Review approaches to urban tree planting**
- **Ensure ongoing work takes stock of Area Statement for South West Wales (to be published 31st March)**

Stakeholders Involved & Communication undertaken

- WWN Conference ~70 attendees,
- GI stakeholder events covering public, industry and public sector (incl. 630+ face to face conversations with public)
- GI strategy public consultation (~46 responses) plus workshop sessions with Council staff, schools and public

- **Develop WWN action plan to take account of the Climate and Nature Emergency declarations, including transport focus for 2020**

- Members of the PSB involved in WWN Task Group (CCS, PHW, SEF, SBU, Coed Cymru, NRW, Swansea Nature Partnership, Fire Service, Swansea University)

**Any Actions for PSB: (Please tick as appropriate)**

**Note**

Action

Decision

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