



Report of the Convener of the Natural Environment Inquiry

To the Natural Environment Inquiry Panel – 29th August 2018

Question and Answer Session with Corporate Building Services and Corporate Property Services

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| Purpose: | To update the Panel on the answers to the questions sent in advance to Heads of Service |
| Content: | A briefing on the Heads of Service Question and Answer session |
| Councillors are being asked to: | Consider the information provided and use this evidence to develop recommendations for the inquiry. |
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1. Background

- 1.1 A Panel has been appointed to take an in depth look at how the Natural Environment and Biodiversity are considered by Swansea Council. The question the inquiry are attempting to answer is *'What should Swansea Council be doing to maintain and enhance its natural environment and biodiversity, and in so doing promote the resilience of eco-systems?'*
- 1.2 Part of the inquiry process is to gather evidence and information relevant to the inquiry question and use this evidence to inform recommendations.
- 1.3 The Panel have collected substantial evidence to date and this meeting is part of a process to establish the main areas of Swansea Council who are directly involved in the maintenance and enhancement of the natural environment and biodiversity.

2. Main body of report

- 2.1 The Head of Corporate Building Services and the Head of Corporate Property Services have been sent questions in advance to answer on the day.

2.2 The Panel want to establish the role these services play in relation to the natural environment and biodiversity, the processes in place around this work and any good practice which could be shared across services

2.3 The Panel are keen to find out how services are linking with each other to achieve common aims and if there may be further opportunity for joined up working going forward.

3. Conclusions

3.1 The Panel will hear the responses to questions sent in advance, from the Head of Corporate Building Services and the Head of Corporate Property Services, and will use the responses to inform the Panels conclusions from this piece of work.

Background papers: None

Appendices: None