

Draft Terms of Reference

Natural Environment Scrutiny Performance Panel

1. Name:

Natural Environment Scrutiny Performance Panel

2. Why this topic is important?

- Links to Corporate Priorities – Maintaining and enhancing Swansea's **natural resources and biodiversity** - so that we maintain and enhance biodiversity, reduce our carbon footprint, improve our knowledge and understanding of our natural environment and benefit health and well-being
- Links to Well-being of Future Generations Act
- Public Concerns about the Environment and Climate Change

3. What is the purpose of the panel?

The Panel will be responsible for ongoing monitoring of council performance in relation to the natural environment, examining relevant performance indicators that may cover issues, for example, such as Local Flood Risk Management, Pollution Control, Biodiversity, and Climate Change.

The Panel may request relevant reports on activities, performance and information that will help it to assess progress regarding the Councils work, commitments and implementation of agreed plans.

On behalf of the Panel, the convener will write to relevant Cabinet Member(s) raising issues of concern, comments and recommendations for response as appropriate following Panel meetings. This will facilitate the ongoing performance conversation with cabinet members.

4. Meetings:

The Panel will be expected to meet on a quarterly basis.

The Panel will report periodically on progress to the Scrutiny Programme Committee.