



## Item 21

Council - 8 December 2022

### **Biodiversity & Environment Development Action Plan**

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Section 6 “Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty” of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 requires that:

*“A public authority must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of functions in relation to Wales, and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems, so far as consistent with the proper exercise of those functions”.*

#### **2. Biodiversity Duty**

- 2.1 The Section 6 Biodiversity Duty requires each Council to prepare and submit a Section 6 Monitoring Report to Welsh Government every 3 years commencing in 2019. The report must outline what it has done to comply with the Biodiversity Duty.
- 2.2 The Biodiversity Duty should be considered against the six objectives of the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales:
- 1) Engage and support participation and understanding to embed biodiversity throughout decision making at all levels.
  - 2) Safeguard species and habitats of principal importance and improve their management.
  - 3) Increase the resilience of our 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 for delivery.

#### **3. Community Council Action Plan**

- 3.1 Llangyfelach Community Council does not own any land or property. Despite this, the Council is committed to improving the biodiversity within the community.
- 3.2 The Action Plan will be reviewed every 3 years.

3.3 The Council shall where possible support initiatives such as:

- The creation of Natural Habitats
- Grass cutting. Where possible grass cutting should be left to decompose.
- Planting of hedgerow and wildflowers.
- Use of hedges & wooded areas as pollinators.

4. **Recommended** that the Biodiversity Action Plan be adopted.

**Background Papers:** None

**Appendices:** None

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