



Item 19

Council - 13 November 2025

Biodiversity & Resilience of Ecosystem Duty – Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016

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”.

- 1.2 To comply a Council should embed the consideration of biodiversity and ecosystems into their early thinking and business planning, including any policies, plans, programmes, and projects, as well as their day to day activities.

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.

- 2.3 Llangyfelach Community Council published its last Biodiversity report on 8 December 2022. The next must be published by 31 December 2025.

3. Section 6 - Biodiversity Report 2025

- 3.1 The Llangyfelach Community Council, Section 6 Biodiversity Report 2025 is outlined at **Appendix 19.1** of this report.

4. Section 6 - Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) 2026

- 4.1 The Llangyfelach Community Council, Section 6 Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) 2026 is outlined at **Appendix 19.2** of this report. This must be reviewed every 3 years.

5. Recommended that:

- 1) The Section 6 - Biodiversity Report 2025 as outlined at Appendix 19.1 of the report be approved and published.
- 2) The Section 6 - Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) 2026 as outlined at Appendix 19.2 of the report be approved and published.

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