

### Biodiversity Plan 2023-2025 at 24.05.2023

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Council Business</b>		
1.1	Council will agree a plan. [Legal Requirement.]	Council	24.05.2023
1.2	Council will review its plan each AGM. [In line with Council Policy.]	Council	24.05.2023
1.3	Council will revise its plan in line with relevant decisions. [Good Practice.]	SC/JE	Ongoing
1.4	Council will consider for each relevant item of business what implications or opportunities there are for Biodiversity and the Resilience of Ecosystems. [Legal Requirement.]	SC/Chair /Council	Ongoing
1.5	Council will note the objectives of the National Recovery Plan for Wales as they apply to its activities and its reporting. [To Oversee Compliance.] (As B below.)	Council	24.05.2023
1.6	Council will report on its relevant activities by the end of December 2025. [Legal Requirement.]	Council	13.12.2025
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Information</b>		
2.1	Council will review and keep on file the profile of local habitats prepared by CCS and consider whether any meaningful local action can be taken.	JE/ Council	June 2023
2.2	Council will review and keep on file relevant Biodiversity Action Plans for Wales and consider whether any meaningful local action can be taken.	JE/ Council	June 2023
2.3	Council will maintain a public listing of organisations recognised for their work and for sharing information on biodiversity (issues & opportunities), land management, specific habitats or species relevant to our area, etc. (As C below.)	JE/All	Ongoing (Started)
2.4	Councillors will continue engaging with other organisation and individuals to help keep Council informed of relevant activities including: AONB Team, OVW, OVW (Biodiversity Network), Gower Forum, Gower Society, NRW, NT, St Andrews, Eventbrite.	All	Ongoing (Started)
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Engagement with Community</b>		
3.1	Council will determine the channels by which it chooses to engage with the local community including: website, whatsapp, notices, information sheets, speakers. [ <i>nb Website is a noticeboard that can display much information but needs more immediate pointer.</i> ]	Council JE/GR/ AG/+	24.05.2023
3.2	Council will determine what information to share through these channels.	Council	Ongoing
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Management of Greens</b>		
4.1	Council will review National Recovery Plan for Wales Objectives specifically as they apply to Councils that own land.	JE/+/ Council	
4.2	Council will prepare a review sheet of each green with information relevant to Objective 5.	JE/+/ Council	September
4.3	Council will use information relevant to good management of greens - managing grasslands, avoiding glyphosate, encouraging pollinators, planting/encouraging native wildflowers, etc - in decision making	Council	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Specifics</b>		
5.1	Council will maintain a list of potential actions and select those to be added to this plan and implemented. (As A below)	All	Ongoing

- A. List of Potential Actions - Sample List**
- B. National Recovery Plan for Wales Objectives**
- C. Relevant Organisations and Topics - Sample List**

**A. List of Potential Actions - Sample List**

Identify & publicise opportunities for individuals to engage with biodiversity activities alone or with others:

- Spot & report non-native invasive species including 'alert species'.
- Spot & report less common species.
- Provide micro habitats & food for various species.
- Join counts organised nationally - at home (eg birds) or at a designated area (eg butterflies at the NRW Reserve).
- Join online courses (often free) to learn more about species (eg bees).
- Dormouse are on Gower, are they within our catchment, can be identified through 'nut hunt'.
- Plant suitable trees and wildflowers.

Identify & consider supporting current campaigns:

- NFU's campaign for a sky lantern ban.
- Surfers Against Sewage.

Consider local conditions & whether any action should be taken regarding:

- Availability of and need for fresh water.
- Corridors for pollinators.
- Managing dunes.

Identify suitable planting profiles for different site types, eg:

- Coastal Gardens.
- Marginal Land.

Consider connections with other organisations and events, eg:

- Gower Show.
- Coeden Fach Community Tree Nursery.
- Penrice Lectures at St Andrews.

## **B. National Recovery Plan for Wales Objectives**

The Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales (NRAP) sets out six objectives for reversing the decline of biodiversity which should be used to help develop and guide actions to comply with the section 6 duty.

Objective 1: Engage and support participation and understanding to embed biodiversity throughout decision making at all levels. (All)

Objective 2: Safeguard species and habitats of principal importance and improve their management.  
(Particularly because Council owns land)

Objective 3: Increase the resilience of our natural environment by restoring degraded habitats and habitat creation. (Particularly because Council owns land)

Objective 4: Tackle key pressures on species and habitats. (All)

Objective 5: Improve our evidence, understanding and monitoring. (Particularly because Council owns land)

Objective 6: Put in place a framework of governance and support for delivery. (All)

## **C. Relevant Organisations and Topics - Sample List**

[Biodiversity in Wales](#)

[Biodiversity in Wales: Bee-Friendly](#)

[Non-Native Species: Species Alerts](#)

[People Trust for Endangered Species](#)

[People Trust for Endangered Species: Healthy Hedgerow Survey](#)

[Plantlife: Wales](#)

[Plantlife: Managing Grassland Road Verges](#)

[Dynamic Dunescapes](#)

[Dynamic Dunescapes: Oxwich](#)

[Surfers Against Sewage](#)

[NFU Campaign to Ban Sky Lanterns](#)