



<b>Meeting</b>	Health and Environment Policy Committee
<b>Date and Time</b>	Wednesday, 30th September, 2020 at 6.00 pm.
<b>Venue</b>	This meeting will be held virtually and a live audio stream can be listened to via <a href="http://www.winchester.gov.uk">www.winchester.gov.uk</a> .

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Agenda Item.

8. Biodiversity Action Plan - Presentation (Pages 3 - 16)

(Presentation)

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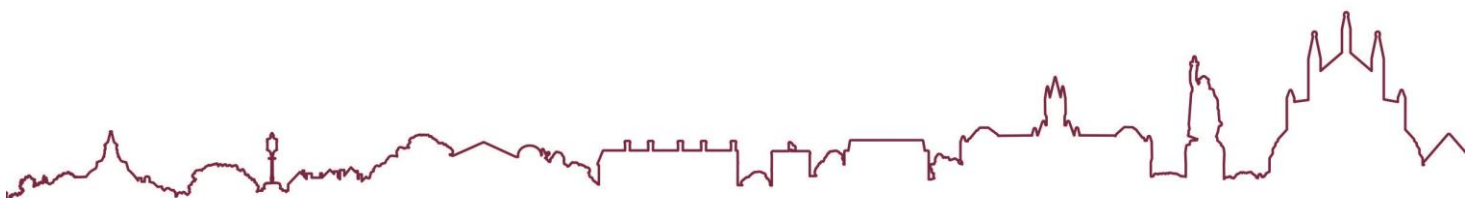
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# ***Biodiversity Action Plan 2020***

## ***Health and Environment Policy Group***











### **Natural Environment and Recreation Team**

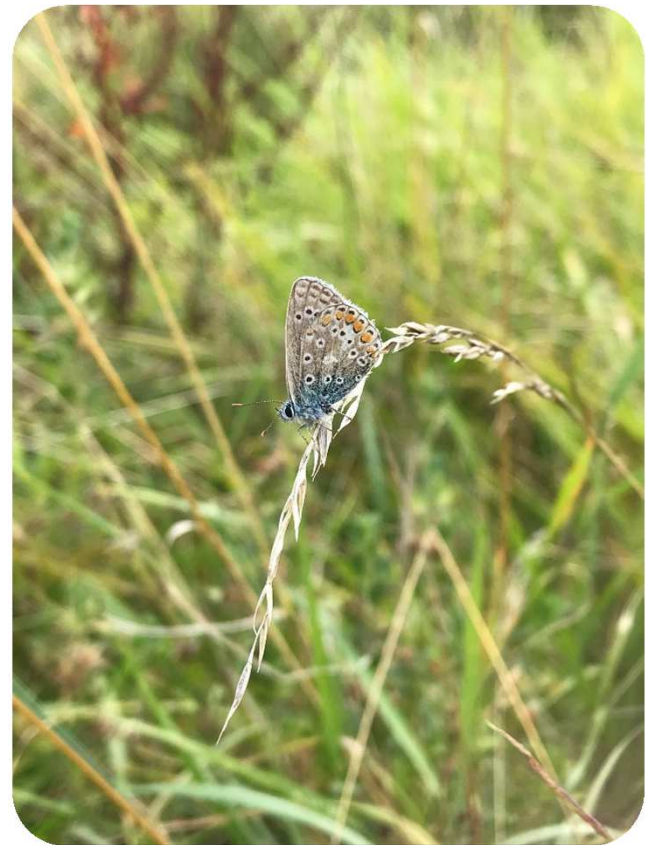
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# Outline

-  Biodiversity – why it matters
-  Key aims
-  Key drivers and support for key documents
-  Key outcomes
-  Key habitats and species
-  How the BAP will be delivered
-  Annual Action Plan headings
-  Reporting and monitoring
-  Funding and resources
-  HEP advice



# Biodiversity – Why it matters

- 🏰 Essential for life – oxygen, food, water, medicine
- 🏰 Contributes to climate stability
- 🏰 Key test of sustainability
- 🏰 Nature based solutions
- 🏰 Boosts business
- 🏰 Moral right to access & benefit from biodiversity
- 🏰 Benefits for health and wellbeing









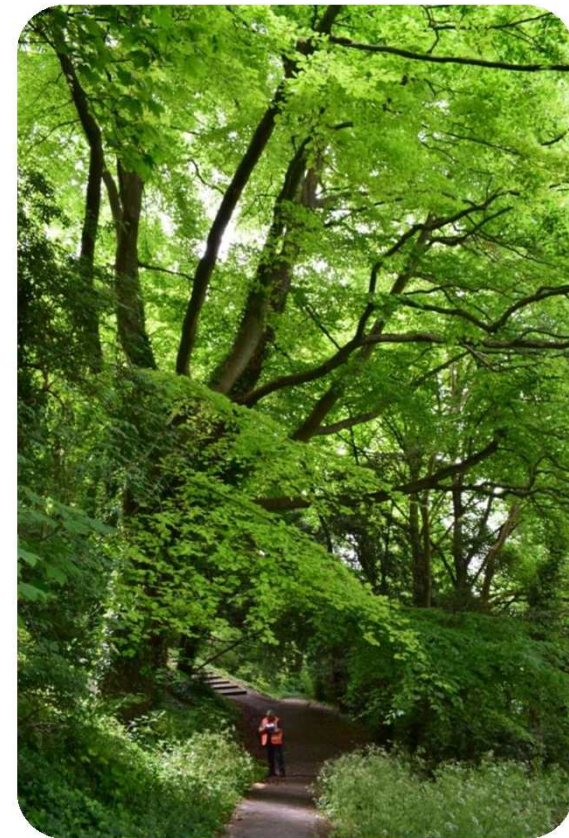
*But the world and the Winchester District included is losing biodiversity at an alarming rate...*

WCC has both legal duties and a moral responsibility to consider biodiversity across all its functions, to help halt the loss of biodiversity and seek opportunities to reverse the decline

# BAP 2020 – Key Aims

**To provide strategic direction for the City Council to deliver actions which protect, enhance and restore biodiversity across the district.**

-  Focus on Council land and operations to ensure immediate action
-  Seek opportunities to work in partnership to deliver more
-  Identify and deliver actions to halt loss, recreate and restore biodiversity
-  Monitor biodiversity and the effectiveness of actions
-  Provide evidence and input for key policy documents including the Carbon Neutrality Action Plan, Local Plan and Council Plan
-  Engage with a wide audience



# Key Drivers -

- 🏰 Biodiversity loss
- 🏰 Council Plan – climate emergency and living well
- 🏰 Carbon Neutrality Action Plan
- 🏰 Environment Bill
- 🏰 Biodiversity Net Gain
- 🏰 Nutrient Neutrality

# Supports Key Documents -

- 🏰 Local Plan
- 🏰 Tree Policy (to be written)
- 🏰 GI Infrastructure (started)
- 🏰 River Maintenance Action Plan
- 🏰 Playing Pitch Strategy
- 🏰 Housing Strategy
- 🏰 WCC Position
- 🏰 Statement Nitrate Neutrality
- 🏰 SDNP Management Plan
- 🏰 PUSH
- 🏰 Partner documents






# BAP 2020 - Key Outcomes

- 🏰 Demonstrate how WCC is delivering work which
  - 🏰 benefits biodiversity
  - 🏰 delivers Carbon Neutrality Action Plan
  - 🏰 Meets legal duty
  - 🏰 Meets moral duty
- 🏰 Provide data and information which will result in better understanding
- 🏰 Show how we are prioritising resources
- 🏰 Produce an annual Action Plan
- 🏰 Deliver 80% of actions





# Key Habitats

-  Species-rich Grassland
-  Woodland
-  Chalk Rivers
-  Hedgerows & Arable Field Margins

# Key Species

-  Hazel Dormouse
-  Bats
-  Water Vole
-  Hedgehog
-  Swift
-  House Sparrow
-  Skylark
-  Grey Partridge
-  Great Spotted Woodpecker
-  Great Crested Newt
-  Slow Worm
-  Common Lizard
-  Common Toad
-  White-clawed Crayfish
-  Stag Beetle
-  Southern Damselfly
-  Bumblebees
-  Chalk Hill Blue Butterfly
-  Silver Spotted Skipper
-  Stripped Lychnis Moth
-  Green Winged Orchid
-  Bee Orchid



# How the BAP will be delivered

- Build on existing work programme
  - Creation of new areas, habitats and Nature Reserve
  - Improving site management
  - Tree surveying and planting
  - Biodiversity monitoring
  - Development management and Hedgerow Regulations



## Produce an Annual Action Plan



# Annual Action Plan headings

- Statutory functions – Development Management, Strategic Planning, Enforcement, Hedgerow Regulations and compliance with legislation
- Wider WCC work – support Property Service team, Estates, New Housing, survey WCC trees
- Management of existing land holdings in partnership
- Project delivery
- Habitat creation
- Working with partners/volunteers/community
- Engagement
- Monitoring and surveying.
- Will include information on timing/funding/lead.












# Reporting & Monitoring

- Annual feedback into the Carbon Neutrality Action Plan:
  - Actions completed within Annual Action Plan
  - WCC Biodiversity Survey Reports
  - Partner surveys & reports
- Public access to reports



# Funding

-  Limited annual budget
-  Dedicated Resource
-  Sponsorship
-  Partnership
-  Volunteering
-  Community projects
-  Grant applications
-  Constant review of budget
-  Budget requests

# Resources

-  2 full time Ecologist/Biodiversity officers

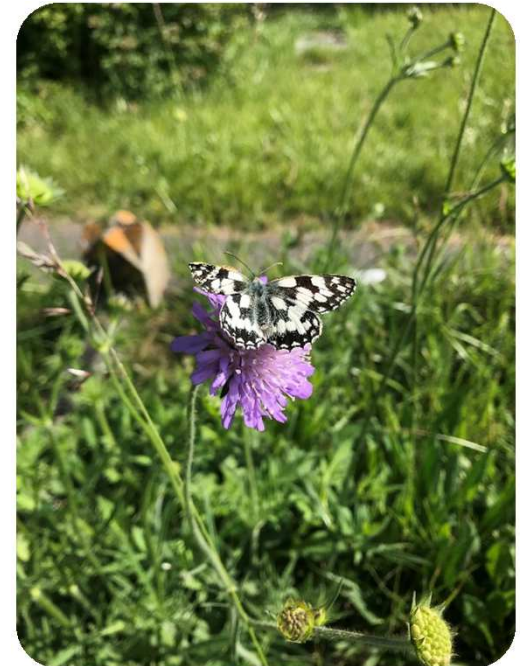


# HEP advice

What is the view of the Policy Group of the actions identified and the direction of travel which aim to :

- Support the Council's key priorities including the Climate Emergency
- Feed directly into the Carbon Neutrality Action Plan
- Accord to the Council Plan
- Support other key WCC documents
- Fulfil the council's legal and moral duty to protect, enhance and restore biodiversity

Are there further or issues issues which need to be taken into account in the BAP delivery?



# Any Questions?

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