

To: Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board
On: 22 May 2018

Report by: Director of Development and Housing Services

Heading: Renfrewshire Biodiversity Action Plan 2018 - 2022

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board of the Renfrewshire Biodiversity Action Plan 2018 - 2022. The new Biodiversity Action Plan has been finalised following a twelve week period of public consultation.
 - 1.2 A copy of the Biodiversity Action Plan can be found on the Renfrewshire Council webpage <http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/biodiversity>
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board:
 - (i) approves the Renfrewshire Biodiversity Action Plan 2018 - 2022.
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3. Background

- 3.1 A Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) for Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde was prepared in 2004. The plan was developed with representation from local authorities and a range of organisations and stakeholders with an interest in biodiversity.
- 3.2 In 2017 a draft Renfrewshire Biodiversity Action Plan 2018 – 2022 was prepared in partnership with some 25 biodiversity partner organisations which are active in Renfrewshire. The plan sets out a positive and ambitious approach, identifying a range of principles and actions which support the conservation, promotion and enhancement of biodiversity across Renfrewshire.

3.3 The Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board of 7 November 2017 authorised the Director of Development and Housing Services to progress public consultation on the draft Renfrewshire Biodiversity Action Plan.

3.4 The draft strategy was subject to a period of public consultation for twelve weeks from 1 December 2017 to 23 February 2018. Three responses were received and these were supportive of the approach adopted within the plan.

4. **Next Steps**

4.1 The Renfrewshire Biodiversity Action Plan provides a framework for partnership initiatives which promote biodiversity across Renfrewshire over the next five years. A variety of innovative mechanisms will be explored to secure the external resources required to implement many of the actions identified within the plan.

4.2 Some 'early wins' are already apparent, with volunteers from Butterfly Conservation Scotland carrying out conservation works at Glenniffer Braes Country Park in late 2017, delivering on actions identified within the plan.

4.3 Progress on delivery of the Biodiversity Action Plan will be monitored by the Council and partners through a Steering Group, with updates reported to the Board as appropriate.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - None

2. **HR & Organisational Development** - None

3. **Community/Council Planning** –

Creating a sustainable Renfrewshire for all to enjoy – The action plan seeks to support and enhance biodiversity and the network of green spaces across Renfrewshire.

4. **Legal** - None

5. **Property/Assets** - None

6. **Information Technology** - None

7. **Equality & Human Rights** - None

- (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. **Health & Safety** - None

9. **Procurement** - None

10. **Risk** - None

11. **Privacy Impact** - None

12. **Cosla Policy Position** - None

List of Background Papers

Renfrewshire Biodiversity Action Plan 2018 – 2022 -
<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/biodiversity>

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