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Document Description:

The Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 places a duty on public bodies 'to further the conservation of biodiversity so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions.' The production of a Biodiversity Action Plan for Dundee in January of 2020 was a major step forward in setting out how Dundee City Council will fulfil this duty and how working in partnership with other local organisations will achieve the plan's vision of 'Working together to protect, enhance and raise awareness of biodiversity in Dundee for the benefit of all'. It has been agreed that progress on the Biodiversity Action Plan will be reported annually, with this being the second such report.

Intended Outcome:

To provide an update to elected members on the progress towards the actions within Dundee's Biodiversity Action Plan for 2021.

How will the proposal be monitored?:

The Local Biodiversity Plan highlights a wide range of actions for further development. An annual report will be produced for consideration by elected members which details progress against each of the specific actions listed.

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A. Equality and Diversity Impacts:

Age:	No Impact
Disability:	No Impact
Gender Reassignment:	No Impact
Marriage and Civil Partnership:	No Impact
Pregnancy and Maternity:	No Impact
Race/Ethnicity:	No Impact
Religion or Belief:	No Impact
Sex:	No Impact
Sexual Orientation:	No Impact

Equality and diversity Implications:

The Biodiversity Action Plan seeks to enable local communities to access and engage with Dundee's natural heritage.

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

None

Is the proposal subject to a full EQIA? : No

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B. Fairness and Poverty Impacts:

Geography

Strathmartine (Ardler, St Mary's and Kirkton):	No Impact
Lochee(Lochee/Beechwood, Charleston and Menzieshill):	No Impact
Coldside(Hilltown, Fairmuir and Coldside):	No Impact
Maryfield(Stobswell and City Centre):	No Impact
North East(Whitfield, Fintry and Mill O' Mains):	No Impact
East End(Mid Craigie, Linlathen and Douglas):	No Impact
The Ferry:	No Impact
West End:	No Impact

Household Group

Lone Parent Families:	No Impact
Greater Number of children and/or Young Children:	No Impact
Pensioners - Single/Couple:	No Impact
Single female households with children:	No Impact
Unskilled workers or unemployed:	No Impact
Serious and enduring mental health problems:	No Impact
Homeless:	No Impact
Drug and/or alcohol problems:	No Impact
Offenders and Ex-offenders:	No Impact

**Looked after children and care leavers:
Carers:**

No Impact
No Impact

Significant Impact

Employment:

No Impact

Education and Skills:

No Impact

Benefit Advice/Income Maximisation:

No Impact

Childcare:

No Impact

Affordability and Accessibility of services:

No Impact

Fairness and Poverty Implications:

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Proposed Mitigating Actions:

None

C. Environmental Impacts

Climate Change

Mitigating greenhouse gases:	No Impact
Adapting to the effects of climate change:	Positive

Resource Use

Energy efficiency and consumption:	No Impact
Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling waste:	No Impact
Sustainable Procurement:	No Impact

Transport

Accessible transport provision:	No Impact
Sustainable modes of transport:	No Impact

Natural Environment

Air, land and water quality:	Positive
Biodiversity:	Positive
Open and green spaces:	Positive

Built Environment

Built Heritage:	No Impact
Housing:	No Impact

Is the proposal subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment

No further action is required as it does not qualify as a Plan, Programme or Strategy as defined by the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

none

Environmental Implications:

This document reports on progress achieved by Dundee City Council on actions in the Biodiversity Action Plan highlighted for advancement in 2021.

D. Corporate Risk Impacts

Corporate Risk Implications:

The risk implications associated with the subject matter of this report are 'business as normal' risks. The subject matter is routine and has happened many times before without significant loss. There is comfort that the risks inherent within the activity are either transferred to another party, shared equally and fairly between the Council and another party or are negligible.

Corporate Risk Mitigating Actions: