

**REPORT TO:** CLIMATE, NET ZERO AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 24 AUGUST 2026

**REPORT ON:** DUNDEE'S BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN – 2026-2030

**REPORT BY:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

**REPORT NO:** 179-2026

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval for the draft Biodiversity Action Plan 2026-2030, which updates from the previous 2020-2025 strategy to incorporate current national policy and will monitor the development of Dundee's Nature Network.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the committee: -
- i. approves the reviewed Biodiversity Action Plan and draft Nature Network Map as detailed within Appendix 1, and Updated Actions within Appendix 2.
  - ii. notes that progress on actions will be reported annually to the Climate, Net Zero and Environment Committee for consideration and will be incorporated into the reporting cycle for the Biodiversity Duty Report to Scottish Government and the forthcoming reporting guidelines for Nature Networks.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with the approval of this report. Any costs incurred in the implementation of the strategy will require to be contained within existing budgets. In consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services, the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services will seek to maximise the use of any external funding opportunities as they arise to ensure the strategy can be implemented successfully.

## **4.0 MAIN TEXT**

- 4.1 Reference is made to Article VII of the minute of the Neighbourhood Services Committee of 13th January 2020, which approved the Biodiversity Action Plan (report [14-2020](#)). Subsequent annual updates on the progress and implementation of this plan have been presented to committee. Reference is also made to Article II of the minute of the Climate, Environment and Biodiversity Committee of 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025, which noted the achievements and progress of the Biodiversity Action Plan in 24/25 and highlighted the intention to produce a review of the current plan in line with updated national policy (Report [220-2025](#)). Reference is also made to Article II of the minute of the Climate Net Zero and Environment Committee of 16th February 2026, which notes the progress of the draft Nature Network and gave approval to seek input from communities prior to the network being considered by elected members as part of the Biodiversity Action Plan Review (Report [34-2026](#)).

## 4.2 Context

- 4.2.1 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 publication of a Biodiversity Action Plan for Dundee in 2020 sets out how Dundee City Council fulfils this duty and how it works in partnership with other local organisations to achieve the plan's vision of 'Working together to protect, enhance and raise awareness of biodiversity in Dundee for the benefit of all'. However, updates to national policy and guidance, such as National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) and the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy, has prompted a review of the Dundee's Biodiversity Action Plan. Future iterations of Dundee's Biodiversity Action Plan will be set against the context of statutory, legally binding biodiversity targets as required by the Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2026. These targets are yet to be determined.
- 4.2.2 The Dundee Biodiversity Action Plan continues to raise awareness of Dundee's biodiversity (flora and fauna) in a local, national and international context. The plan highlights the contribution and influence of Dundee's biodiversity on the quality of life and economic opportunities for everyone who lives in the city. The plan focuses action on important urban ecosystems, habitats and species and ensures prioritisation of resources at a local level. All updated actions are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time bound) to better monitor and report on progress in the future.
- 4.2.3 The Biodiversity Action Plan is a key delivery plan that supports the objectives of Dundee's Climate Action Plan and Net Zero Transition Plan. It contributes to adaptation and resilience by enhancing greenspaces, increasing carbon sequestration, supporting nature-based solutions, and engaging communities in nature positive climate action. It also delivers wider benefits for biodiversity, health, wellbeing and the just transition, helping create a greener, fairer and more climate-resilient Dundee.

## 4.3 Update on Previous Actions

- 4.3.1 Through the Council's Nature Restoration Funding from the Scottish Government, last year a wide-ranging programme of biodiversity projects aimed at strengthening the city's Nature Network and fostering community stewardship was delivered (Report [221-2025](#)). Working in partnership with organisations, community groups and residents, these initiatives have enhanced habitats and encouraged greater public engagement with nature. The projects include:-
- A Stobswell Community Project delivered by RSPB Scotland
  - Pond Improvement at Barnhill Rock Garden with support from the Friends group
  - Citywide biodiversity planting including the Covid Memorial Garden, biodiversity enhancements at Western Cemetery, wildflower plug planting at Broughty Ferry Local Nature Reserve, and 40,000 spring bulbs were planted at locations across the city
  - A bird box project, in partnership with Eden, delivering bird boxes to all primary schools in the city
- 4.3.2 Further detail of these and other actions will be included in the forthcoming Biodiversity Duty Report. As with other Scottish local authorities, Dundee City Council reports on its biodiversity duty to the Scottish Government every three years. The next report is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027, with committee approval sought in November 2026 before its submission.

## 4.4 Nature Networks Consultation

- 4.4.1 One of the main changes to the updated plan is the incorporation of a Nature Network Map for the city. Nature Networks have been identified as a key concept in environmental and planning policy, such as The Scottish Biodiversity Strategy and the National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) and are

aimed at tackling biodiversity loss and climate change. Rather than being a single physical feature, a Nature Network is a strategic, landscape scale approach featuring core sites and connecting features such as wildlife corridors and stepping stones. These connections allow species to move, feed, breed and adapt, which is vital in fragmented landscapes.

4.4.2 Dundee's Draft Nature Network was developed utilising available data of habitats and species, mapping tools provided by Nature Scot and local knowledge and experience of Dundee's greenspaces as detailed in previously distributed Ward Profiles. An initial, limited consultation with internal council staff and key stakeholders was held in December 2025 with a wider public consultation held between March and June this year.

4.4.3 For the wider public consultation, a GIS StoryMap and accompanying online survey were developed to provide information and encourage broad public participation. A paper version of the survey was also made available in local libraries to ensure accessibility. An initial launch event was held in March in partnership with the RSPB. Since then, officers have attended a range of venues, including the Central Library and local Climate Cafés, to engage directly with the public and promote completion of the online survey where possible. Officers have also participated in wider community events, such as Uppertunity's Nature Day at Dudhope Castle. In addition, the survey has been circulated through Community Officers and promoted via the Council's social media channels to maximise reach and engagement.

4.4.4 The consultation results indicated that the majority of respondents agreed that the Draft Nature Network successfully captured the key areas of biodiversity importance across the city and that the proposed routes were the most appropriate. Some respondents, however, expressed concern that smaller sites had not been fully incorporated and that their significance within the urban context was not sufficiently recognised. In response, the biodiversity map will be integrated as an additional layer within the online Nature Network map, allowing it to be viewed as required. Feedback also highlighted a perceived absence of a route through the city centre. This has been addressed in the updated plan through the inclusion of an action to explore and develop a future route within the city centre. Further detail on the consultation can be found in appendix 3 of the Biodiversity Action Plan.

#### 4.5 **Biodiversity Action Plan Review**

4.5.1 It is proposed that the main body of the Biodiversity Action Plan remains largely unchanged along with the format and style. The review has incorporated updated statistics, policies and guidance where required. Information on the Nature Network and the map has been added. Two of the topics have been renamed to better reflect the updated actions and the Urban Green Network theme has been renamed as simply Urban to avoid confusion with the Nature Network.

4.5.2 The format of the action tables has been updated to ensure that all actions are SMART making commitments clear, measurable and deliverable, supporting effective monitoring, accountability and alignment with wider strategic objectives. Some ongoing actions from the previous plan have been updated and new actions added. Some of the new actions have been based on those identified in the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy Delivery Plan, where Local authorities were identified as a lead, and all of the actions will support the protection and enhancement of the Nature Network.

4.5.3 The actions have been subjected to internal consultation and are also based on feedback received through the Nature Networks consultation, Urban Re-Leaf citizen science data as well as other relevant council consultations such as the Place Standard Survey.

4.5.4 One of the issues identified with the previous action plan was its limited flexibility over time. The revised actions have therefore been deliberately framed at a more strategic level, allowing for greater

adaptability and the ability to respond to emerging opportunities. A key action within the plan is the development of a publicly available Opportunity Map. Ongoing engagement with key stakeholders and local communities will support the identification and mapping of projects at different scales, contributing to the delivery of the plan's objectives. This map will capture both planned and aspirational projects helping to attract investment, support collaboration and knowledge sharing and provide a mechanism for tracking progress. Overall, this approach will improve the co-ordination of biodiversity activity across the city ensuring that partners work together and that resources are used as effectively as possible to maximise impact.

- 4.5.5 Due to the substantial length of the draft Biodiversity Action Plan, an abridged version has been provided in Appendix 1. This includes the sections of the Plan that contain the relevant changes, together with the associated appendices. The remainder of the Plan remains largely unchanged from the previous version; however, a copy has been sent to elected members for their information.

Formal design of the full document will be completed if approval is agreed, with an online interactive version produced shortly after.

## **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This report has been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment to identify impacts on Equality & Diversity, Fairness & Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. An impact, positive or negative, on one or more of these issues was identified. An appropriate senior manager has checked and agreed with this assessment. A copy of the Integrated Impact Assessment showing the impacts and accompanying benefits of / mitigating factors for them is included as an Appendix to this report.

## **6.0 CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The Council Management Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

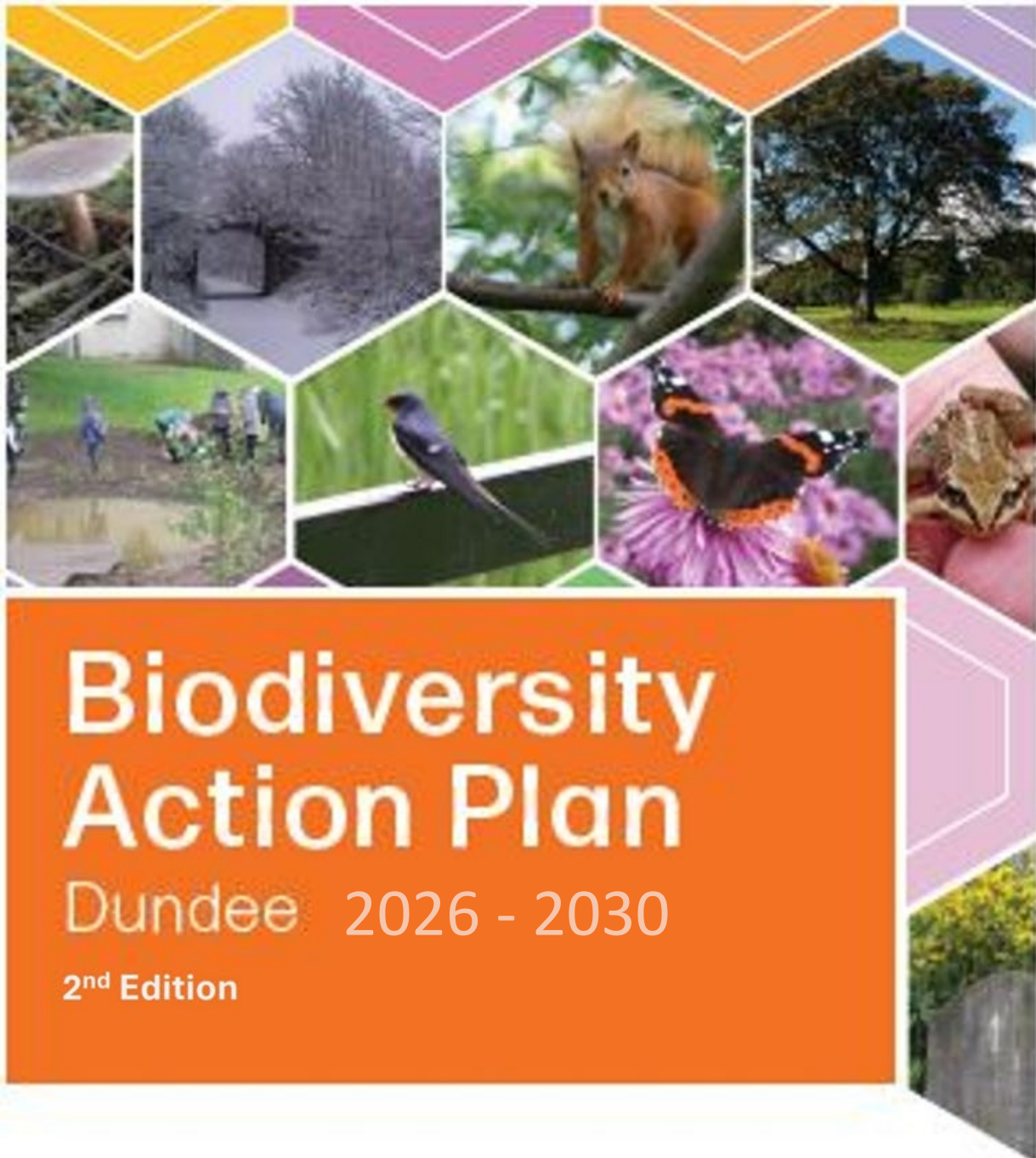
## **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 None.

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22 July 2026



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# Introduction

## What is Biodiversity?

Biodiversity is the variety of all living things and includes diversity within a species, between different species, between habitats and the ecosystems of which they are a part. Greater levels of biodiversity help to ensure the natural sustainability of all life, which is especially important in a time of global climate change.

In this plan we refer to the conservation of biodiversity as the care and protection of all habitats and species, i.e. wildlife, in the city. This includes both common and rare plants, invertebrates, mammals and birds.

## Context

### Background

At the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 the UK signed up to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). This led to the first UK biodiversity Action Plan being published with the goal –

*"to conserve and enhance biological diversity within the UK and to contribute to the conservation of global biodiversity through all appropriate mechanisms".*

At a Conference of Parties (COP15) for the CBD in Kunming and Montreal in 2022, it was acknowledged that nearly all previous biodiversity targets had been missed and new global biodiversity targets for 2030 were agreed. The Scottish Government published a new Scottish Biodiversity Strategy and a 5-year Delivery Plan in 2024 with these new targets in mind.

The UK and Scottish biodiversity plans are implemented through Local Biodiversity Actions Plans (LBAPs), which seek to ensure that internationally, nationally and locally important species and habitats are conserved through local action.

The Dundee Biodiversity Action Plan was first published in 2020, and this edition is the first review.

### Current State

The State of Nature Report 2023 found that, in Scotland, there has been an average decline of 15% in the abundance of land and freshwater species studied since 1994. In addition, the average abundance of Scottish seabirds has decreased by 49% since 1986 (latest figures proceed Avian Flu). The report also highlights that 11% of species found in Scotland have been classified by the IUCN as being at risk of extinction within the UK.

The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) published the first inter-governmental global assessment of biodiversity, ecosystems and their contributions to people in 2019. This assessment of nature, nature's contribution to people and drivers of their changes has informed decision makers and end users at all scales and sectors. Subsequent reports by IPBES have added to this data: -

- Nexus Assessment (2024)
- Transformative Change Assessment (2024)
- Business and Biodiversity Assessment (2026)

These reports above all highlight a consistent message that reversing biodiversity loss requires fundamental, system-wide change and coordinated action across sectors. They emphasise the need to address underlying financial and decision-making factors and recognise the connections between biodiversity, climate, food, water and health. Together, they stress that governments, businesses and society must adopt collaborative, nature-positive approaches to achieve long-term, landscape-scale change.

The effects of contact with nature on our physical and mental wellbeing have been widely studied. NatureScot SPANS 2023/24 Health & Wellbeing Report found that 84% of outdoor visits are motivated by health and wellbeing. Scotland's Green Health Framework was published in 2026 by Public Health Scotland and

recognised nature as a core health infrastructure. Increasing weekly outdoor visits is now a Scottish Government national indicator, used to track progress in encouraging more people to use Scotland's outdoor spaces, which benefits their mental and physical health.

### Current Legislation

Dundee City Council (DCC) is bound by the following legislation:-

- **Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 Section 1 (1)** states:-

"It is the duty of every public body and office-holder, in exercising any functions, to further the conservation of biodiversity so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions."

- **Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act (WANE) 2011, Part 5 Section 36** states:-

- (1) "A public body must prepare and publish a biodiversity report within 3 years of...the base date;
- (2) A biodiversity report is a report on the actions taken by the body in pursuance of its duty under section 1 during the period to which the report relates.
- (3) The base date is – (a) the date on which section 36 of the WANE (Scotland) Act 2011 (asp 6) comes into force, or (b) where the body is established after that date, the date on which the body is established. "

Under the legislation above, DCC is required to report on their actions to conserve biodiversity every three years. Previous reports can be found on the council website with the next report due at the end of 2026. This plan enables us to measure and report our progress in a uniform manner.

National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), adopted in February 2023, forms part of the statutory development plan alongside the Local Development Plan. This strengthens the role of biodiversity in plan-making and planning decision-making, particularly through NPF4 Policy 3, which promotes biodiversity enhancement and the strengthening of Nature Networks. It places a clear duty on local authorities to secure "positive effects for biodiversity" in new developments, including through nature recovery, enhancement and the strengthening of Nature Networks. As a result, local authorities must go beyond mitigation, ensuring that development contributes to measurable biodiversity gains.

Local authorities in Scotland are required, through NPF4 and related policy, to identify, map and safeguard Nature Networks as a core component of spatial planning. This involves using ecological evidence to map existing habitats and opportunities for enhancement, ensuring connectivity across administrative boundaries and integrating these networks into Local Development Plans. This aligns with wider policy and legislative commitments, including the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy.

In July 2019, the Scottish Government and Dundee City Council declared a 'Climate Emergency'. Climate change and biodiversity are interconnected. Biodiversity is negatively affected by climate change, but the ecosystem services it supports make an important contribution to climate change mitigation and adaptation. As such, this plan is a key document in the delivery of the city-wide 'Climate Action Plan'.

### Future

The Natural Environment (Scotland) Act was enacted in March 2026 introducing statutory, legally binding biodiversity targets via amendments to the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004, thus shifting the focus from general duties towards measurable national outcomes for nature recovery. These targets are yet to be developed but are expected to drive stronger expectations on public bodies in delivering their biodiversity duty by having regard to these biodiversity targets.

The next Conference of Parties (COP 17) to the UN convention on Biological Diversity is to be held in Yerevan, Armenia in October 2026. This COP is expected to be significant in that it will include the first global review of progress on achieving the Kunming- Montreal targets set in 2022. This COP is expected to focus on demonstrating delivery and accelerating action on reversing the decline of biodiversity globally.

## **Nature Network**

All Local Authorities in Scotland have been asked by Scottish Government to map Nature Networks to identify, protect and strengthen ecological connectivity across their areas. This mapping helps to pinpoint key habitats and opportunities for restoring links between green and blue spaces. This will support biodiversity recovery, climate resilience and sustainable development by guiding planning decisions and focusing conservation efforts in areas that will have a large impact. This ensures nature is integrated with urban growth and helps to meet national targets for nature's recovery. It will also provide benefits for people and communities such as improved health, access to green space and climate adaptation.

Dundee's Nature Network Map is composed of Locally Important Nature Conservation Sites (LINCS) and Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) combined with nationally designated areas on the Tay and smaller, but important, local green spaces. The potential routes of connectivity between the core sites are made up of natural corridors such as the Dighty and the Miley and stepping stone sites such as Ardlar Ponds and Ninewells Arboretum.

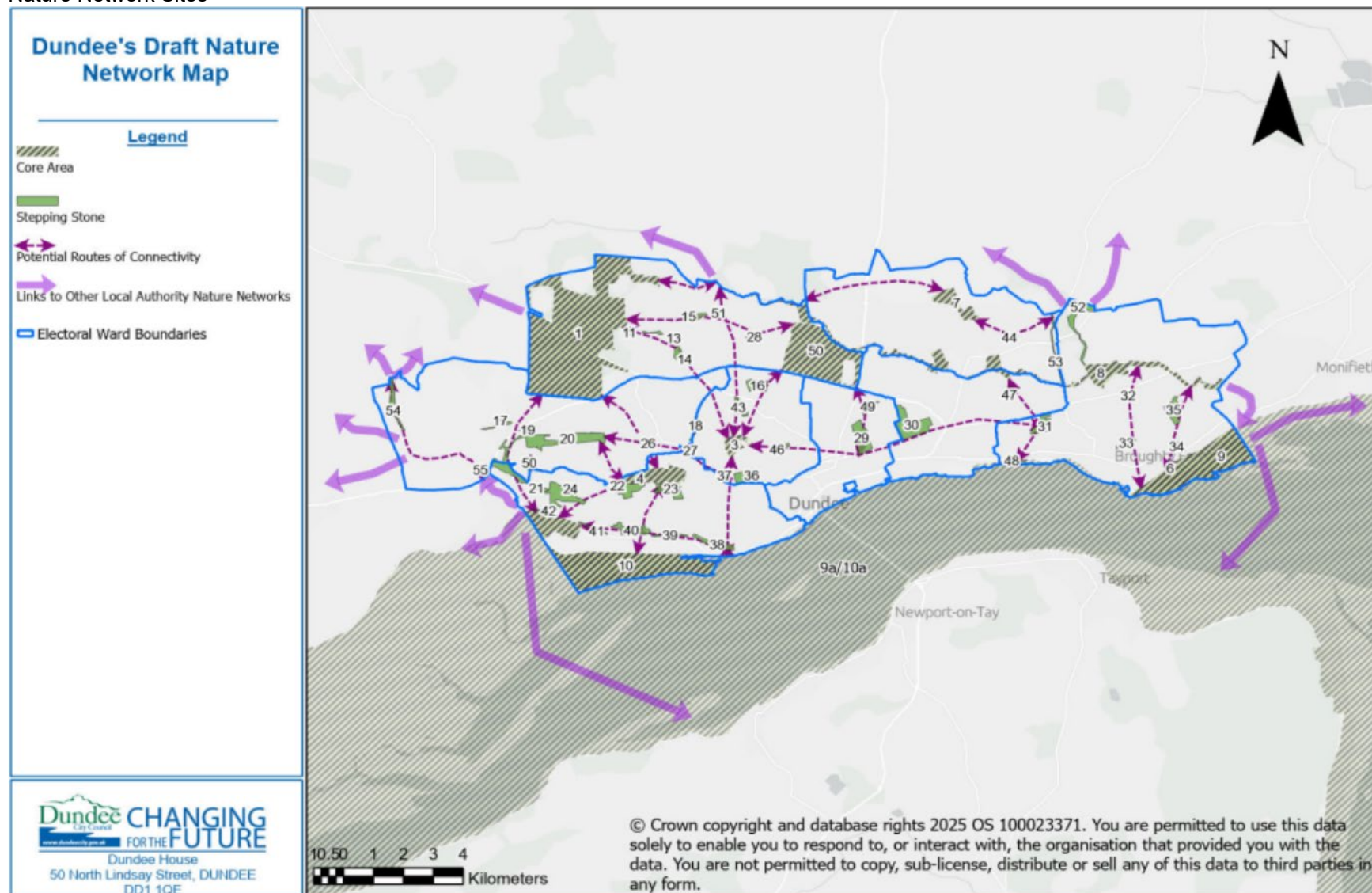
There are a number of smaller but locally significant sites such as community growing spaces and, 'Wee Forests' which are not shown on the printed map. However, these sites will be shown as additional information which will be available online. Private gardens are also not specifically highlighted on the map but will play a significant role in helping nature to move around the city.

Public consultation on a draft map was held from 15<sup>th</sup> March to 30 June 2026. All comments received from this have been considered and incorporated into the actions in this plan.

There are no changes to the proposed draft map as a result of the consultation. However, this map is not intended to be static, but rather serves as an initial framework that will develop over time. It will be updated in accordance with future Biodiversity Action Plans and associated reviews, as well as revisions to the Local Development Plan. It will also be supported by an Opportunity Map, which will highlight existing and proposed biodiversity projects at a range of scales across the city which will enhance the Network and improve ecological connectivity.

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# Nature Network Sites



## Nature Network Sites

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| 1          | Greater Camperdown                                                               | Core Site                               |
| 2          | Caird Park                                                                       | Core Site                               |
| 3          | The Law                                                                          | Core Site                               |
| 4          | Greater Balgay                                                                   | Core Site                               |
| 5          | Riverside Nature Park                                                            | Core Site                               |
| 6          | Broughty Ferry Esplanade                                                         | Core Site                               |
| 7          | Middleton Woods and adjacent greenspace                                          | Core Site                               |
| 8          | The Dighty Corridor                                                              | Core Site                               |
| 9          | Monifieth Bay SSSI (part of internationally important wider Tay site- 9a/10a)    | Core Site                               |
| 10         | Inner Tay Estuary SSSI (part of internationally important wider Tay site-9a/10a) | Core Site                               |
| 9a/<br>10a | River Tay (national and international conservation designations)                 | Core Site (partly within city boundary) |
| 11         | Ardler Pond West                                                                 | Stepping Stone Site                     |
| 12         | Ardler Gleneagles                                                                | Stepping Stone Site                     |
| 13         | Ardler Pond East                                                                 | Stepping Stone Site                     |
| 14         | Crematorium                                                                      | Stepping Stone Site                     |
| 15         | St Leonards Park                                                                 | Stepping Stone Site                     |
| 16         | Fairmuir Park                                                                    | Stepping Stone Site                     |
| 17         | Denhead of Gray                                                                  | Stepping Stone Site                     |
| 18         | The Miley                                                                        | Stepping Stone Site                     |
| 19         | Myrekirk Park                                                                    | Stepping Stone Site                     |
| 20         | South Road Park                                                                  | Stepping Stone Site                     |
| 21         | Technology Park                                                                  | Stepping Stone Site                     |
| 22         | Balgay Cemetery Elliot Park and Royal Victoria                                   | Stepping Stone Site                     |

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| 23 | Victoria Park                      | Stepping Stone Site |
| 24 | Ninewells Arboretum                | Stepping Stone Site |
| 25 | Spey Drive Biodiversity Grassland  | Stepping Stone Site |
| 26 | Helenbank Park                     | Stepping Stone Site |
| 27 | Lochee Road Biodiversity Grassland | Stepping Stone Site |
| 28 | Keswick Park                       | Stepping Stone Site |
| 29 | Baxter Park                        | Stepping Stone Site |
| 30 | Eastern Cemetery                   | Stepping Stone Site |
| 31 | Dawson Park                        | Stepping Stone Site |
| 32 | Balgillo Road Park                 | Stepping Stone Site |
| 33 | Anton Drive Woodland               | Stepping Stone Site |
| 34 | Reres Park                         | Stepping Stone Site |
| 35 | Gillies Park and Eastern Cemetery  | Stepping Stone Site |
| 36 | Dudhope Park                       | Stepping Stone Site |
| 37 | Lochee Road                        | Stepping Stone Site |
| 38 | Magdalen Green                     | Stepping Stone Site |
| 39 | Riverside Biodiversity Grassland   | Stepping Stone Site |
| 40 | Dundee Botanic Gardens             | Stepping Stone Site |
| 41 | Riverside Drive                    | Stepping Stone Site |
| 42 | Riverside Drive (North Side)       | Stepping Stone Site |
| 43 | Kings Cross Hospital Woodland      | Stepping Stone Site |
| 44 | Kellyfield Park                    | Stepping Stone Site |
| 45 | Hilltown Park                      | Stepping Stone Site |
| 46 | Rosebank Park                      | Stepping Stone Site |
| 47 | Douglas Park                       | Stepping Stone Site |

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| 48 | Stannergate                | Stepping Stone Site |
| 49 | Stobsmuir Ponds            | Stepping Stone Site |
| 50 | Thurso Crescent            | Stepping Stone Site |
| 51 | Balgowan Avenue            | Stepping Stone Site |
| 52 | Fithie Burn                | Stepping Stone Site |
| 53 | Murroes Burn               | Stepping Stone Site |
| 54 | Airlie Den                 | Stepping Stone Site |
| 55 | Swallow Roundabout Wetland | Stepping Stone Site |

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## Action Plan

The format of the tables below has been updated from the previous version of the plan to ensure that all actions are SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time bound). This ensures that commitments support effective monitoring, accountability and alignment with wider strategic objectives. Some ongoing actions from the previous plan have been updated and included but new actions have also been added. Some of the new actions have been based on those identified in the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy Delivery Plan, where Local authorities were identified as a lead, and all the actions will support the protection and enhancement of the Nature Network. The timescales for the actions only go to 2030, this is in keeping with the original timeframe of the plan (2020-2030). A new plan will be published after this date aligning with the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy Delivery Plan and Kunming- Montreal Biodiversity Targets.

The actions are intended to provide a strategic framework which will be delivered through council policies and maintenance plans or through externally funded projects. Details of individual projects delivering these actions will be mapped on a publicly accessible Opportunity Map with input from a range of stakeholders. Funding is not mentioned in the tables below. Funding for Biodiversity projects can be obtained from a variety of sources including SEPA's Water Environment Fund and the Scottish Government's Nature Restoration Fund, whilst communities have access to various National Lottery funding streams and local charitable trusts. Each funding stream usually has set criteria to qualify and each project or action in the plan will seek the most appropriate source. Some projects may be able to apply to multiple sources, and partnership working is a great way to ensure that applications achieve the most benefits for biodiversity. The Opportunity Map will assist with future investment for biodiversity projects in the city.

Progress on actions will be reported annually to council committee and will be incorporated into the reporting cycle for the Biodiversity Duty Report to Scottish Government and the forthcoming reporting guidelines for Nature Networks.

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# Woodlands

| Overall Objective                                                                                                                                   | Action Ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                                                                 | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Threat Addressed                                                                                                                                                             | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Time                                                                                                                                   | Lead |
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| To promote sympathetic management to improve the health of Dundee's ecosystems and ensure key sites are managed to a high standard for biodiversity | WD1        | To merge the Strategic Forest Plan and Tree and Urban Forestry Policy into one robust Urban Forest Masterplan.                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft the Masterplan</li> <li>• Include a defined action plan</li> <li>• Undertake stakeholder consultation and incorporate feedback</li> <li>• Publish and implement plan</li> </ul>                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build on existing plans, policies and available data</li> <li>• Use internal expertise</li> <li>• Work with external stakeholders and consult relevant guidance</li> </ul>                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsympathetic/lack of Management</li> <li>• Climate Change</li> <li>• Fragmentation</li> <li>• Poorly managed recreation</li> </ul> | Provides a unified strategic approach to tree and woodland management, supporting the Nature Network, climate resilience and tree equity within the city. Compliance for strategic planning within LDP is achieved. | New Urban Forest Masterplan to be completed by April 2027. Progress on actions within the plan to be reviewed and reported on annually | DCC  |
|                                                                                                                                                     | WD2        | Continue to implement a co-ordinated programme to manage Ash Dieback on DCC owned property across the city, including inspection, risk assessment and appropriate intervention. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ash trees to be re-surveyed annually</li> <li>• High risk trees are prioritised and removed annually</li> <li>• Actions are recorded within the relevant tree management system</li> <li>• A re-planting programme is implemented</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dedicated budget to be identified and used when possible</li> <li>• Utilising existing arboricultural resources when additional budget cannot be identified</li> <li>• Phased work programmes to deliver management actions</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disease</li> </ul>                                                                                                                  | Ensures public safety, protects infrastructure and supports long term resilience of the urban forest and Nature Network.                                                                                            | Ongoing work annually                                                                                                                  | DCC  |

| Overall Objective                                                                                                                                   | Action Ref | Specific Action                                                                                                 | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                                                                                                    | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                        | Threat Addressed                   | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                                  | Time                                                                                                  | Lead                          |
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| To promote sympathetic management to improve the health of Dundee's ecosystems and ensure key sites are managed to a high standard for biodiversity | WD3        | Update Deer Management Plan or create new management statement                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new plan/statement to be drafted</li> <li>• Appropriate stakeholders are consulted</li> <li>• A final plan/statement with relevant actions is approved and implemented</li> </ul>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build on existing plans and data</li> <li>• Utilise internal expertise and external guidance and examples of good practice</li> </ul>    | • Deer Management                  | Deer are being managed responsibly and to within sustainable levels within the city.                                                              | Updated plan/statement to be completed by December 2027                                               | DCC, supported by Nature Scot |
|                                                                                                                                                     | WD4        | Carry out woodland condition assessments across all woodland areas within the Nature Network                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete 100% of assessments for agreed sites</li> <li>• Produce a report for each site including condition scores and recommended actions</li> </ul>                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• External funding to be sourced</li> <li>• A specialist contractor to be procured to carry out assessments and produce reports</li> </ul> | • Unsympathetic/lack of management | Baseline data gathered on woodland conditions within the Nature Network. Data to be used to inform effective woodland management and enhancement. | Initial surveys should be completed by April 2027. Should be repeated every 5 years if funding allows | DCC and contractor            |
|                                                                                                                                                     | WD5        | Retain standing dead wood within managed sites where it is safe to do so, to support provision and biodiversity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All sites to be assessed during inspections and maintenance</li> <li>• Retain standing dead wood where possible, removing or modifying only where a safety risk is identified</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilise existing guidance and arboricultural expertise to determine safety and suitability</li> </ul>                                    | • Unsympathetic management         | Enhances habitat availability for wildlife, supporting ecosystem health and Nature Networks                                                       | Ongoing, approach to be applied consistently                                                          | DCC                           |

| Overall Objective                                                                                                   | Action Ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                              | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Threat Addressed                                                                                               | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                                                                                  | Time                                                                                                                                                    | Lead |
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| To ensure no net loss of habitat and, where appropriate, increase the distribution and connectivity of all habitats | WD6        | Manage storm damaged areas of woodland by clearing debris, restoring site conditions and replanting with a diverse range of suitable species | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of identified storm damaged areas are cleared and made safe</li> <li>• Cleared areas are replanted or allowed to naturally regenerate</li> <li>• New areas are monitored to ensure regeneration and survival of new trees</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial clearing funded through emergency tree works budget</li> <li>• All works managed and monitored by Forestry Team as part of the new woodland strategy.</li> </ul>                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsympathetic/lack of Management</li> <li>• Climate Change</li> </ul> | No net loss of woodland through damage and opportunities taken to diversity the species and structure of our woodland enhancing climate resilience, long term sustainability and Nature Networks. | Storm damaged areas cleared within 1 year of damage. Replanting or regeneration to be initiated within 3 years of clearing. Monitoring will be ongoing. | DCC  |
|                                                                                                                     | WD7        | Identify and apply for appropriate funding to support the creation of new woodlands in priority areas which enhance Dundee's Nature Network  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding is sourced and applied for</li> <li>• Funding is successfully obtained</li> <li>• Projects are fully completed</li> </ul>                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular monitoring of funding streams</li> <li>• Collaboration with partners and stakeholders to develop strong applications</li> <li>• Good project management to enable projects to be completed successfully</li> </ul> | •Fragmentation                                                                                                 | Dundee's woodlands and wider Nature Networks are well connected, resilient and in good condition.                                                                                                 | Funding submissions to be completed as opportunities arise                                                                                              | DCC  |

| Overall Objective                                                                                                   | Action Ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                                                      | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Threat Addressed               | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                                                | Time                                                                                         | Lead |
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| To ensure no net loss of habitat and, where appropriate, increase the distribution and connectivity of all habitats | WD8        | Identify and secure the necessary financial, staffing and technical resources to undertake a comprehensive review of Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) across the city | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain sufficient resources to enable a full review of all existing TPOs</li> <li>• Complete full review and develop an updated register and mapping facility</li> <li>• Confirm all updated and new TPO applications</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage with all internal departments, external partners for initial feasibility study</li> <li>• Secure funding source</li> <li>• Procure contractor to carry out work if necessary</li> </ul> | •Development and Fragmentation | Ensures TPOs are up to date, accurate and fit for purpose. Trees with high levels of natural, amenity or cultural benefits are legally protected and preserved. | April 2028 for completion of feasibility study 2030 to secure funding and procure contractor | DCC  |
|                                                                                                                     | WD9        | Support the development of community orchards by providing guidance, resources and partnership opportunities to local groups and stakeholders                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measurement of number of groups supported</li> <li>• Measurement of number of new orchard areas planted</li> </ul>                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working collaboratively with community groups, internal teams and external partners to deliver technical advice and help identify suitable sites and resources</li> </ul>                      | • Fragmentation                | Enhances Nature Networks, local food production and community engagement                                                                                        | Deliver support and facilitate the development of 2 orchard projects by 2030                 | DCC  |

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| To ensure no net loss of habitat and, where appropriate, increase the distribution and connectivity of all habitats | WD10       | Identify suitable locations and support the development of new 'Wee Forests' across the city, including site assessment, stakeholder engagement, planting and initial establishment                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of new opportunities explored</li> <li>• The number of Wee Forests established</li> <li>• Continued support of current Wee Forests at Keswick Park, Robertson Street, Helenbank Park and Balmerino Road</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working in partnership with internal DCC teams, community groups and environmental organisations to deliver planting projects and ensure resources, funding and expertise are in place</li> </ul> | • Fragmentation  | Increase canopy cover, enhance climate resilience and increase connectivity of the Nature Network                                                                                                                                | Identify 3 new sites and complete one project by 2030 | Local Community Groups to identify suitable locations with support from DCC |
|                                                                                                                     | WD11       | Work with Tayside Climate and adaptation group to investigate the feasibility and potential delivery of a Tayside Climate Forest project, including scoping, stakeholder engagement and initial concept development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convene a stakeholder group and identify resources and funding for a feasibility study</li> <li>• Complete a feasibility assessment and produce a report outlining options</li> </ul>                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilising existing partnerships within the Climate Resilient Tayside Group, drawing on shared expertise, data and regional collaboration opportunities to support the process</li> </ul>          | • Fragmentation  | Support regional climate mitigation and adaptation efforts by exploring large-scale tree planting and habitat creation, contributing to carbon sequestration, biodiversity enhancement, and landscape resilience across Tayside. | Complete feasibility study and report by March 2030   | Climate Resilient Tayside (TBC)                                             |

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| To find a balance between providing for biodiversity and providing public amenity for all users within the city | WD12       | Provide and maintain appropriate paths within woodlands to ensure they are safe, accessible, and fit for purpose, while minimising environmental impact and supporting sustainable use. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspect core paths within woodlands on a regular schedule</li> <li>• Identify and address high priority maintenance issues</li> <li>• Complete planned maintenance works maintain a record of inspections and repairs</li> <li>• Respond to user feedback and reported issues</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver through co-ordinated maintenance programmes, available staffing and budgets</li> <li>• Working with relevant partners, volunteers or contractors where necessary to address repairs and improvements</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poorly managed recreation</li> <li>• Unsympathetic management</li> </ul> | Enable safe and inclusive public access to woodland areas, promoting health and wellbeing, encouraging outdoor recreation, and supporting sustainable use of natural green spaces. | Maintain standards across all core paths through to 2030 | DCC  |

## Water and Wetlands

| Overall Objective                                                                                                                                   | Action Ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                                       | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Threat Addressed                                                                                                                                                                | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                               | Time                                                                                                                         | Lead                 |
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| To promote sympathetic management to improve the health of Dundee's Ecosystems and ensure key sites are managed to a high standard for biodiversity | WT1        | Develop and implement a sustainable management regime for DCC maintained SuDS and rain gardens that supports Nature Networks and system functionality | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research and trial new management techniques</li> <li>Produce and adopt a management regime and apply it to all DCC maintained SuDS and rain gardens</li> <li>Put appropriate monitoring in place to assess ecological value and operational performance</li> </ul>                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilising existing ecological and SuDS maintenance guidance as well as internal expertise</li> <li>Collaboration across DCC departments and with partners to trial, design and implement the new regime</li> </ul>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate Change</li> <li>Pollution</li> <li>Nutrient enrichment</li> <li>Development</li> <li>Unsympathetic/lack of management</li> </ul> | Enhances the Nature Network whilst ensuring SuDS and rain gardens continue to function effectively for water management and climate resilience | Maintenance trials and new regime agreed by April 2029. New regime fully rolled out across all SuDs and rain gardens by 2030 | DCC supported by WRD |
|                                                                                                                                                     | WT2        | Carry out targeted wetland management at key sites, including assessments of pond/wetland health and undertaking restoration works where required     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key areas within the Nature Network identified               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>condition assessments completed</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sites requiring restoration work are identified</li> <li>Required resources are identified and obtained</li> <li>Restoration work is completed</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilising existing internal and external sources of ecological expertise and survey methods</li> <li>Collaborating with partners and stakeholders to source appropriate funding and resources to carry out restoration works</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pollution</li> <li>Nutrient enrichment</li> <li>INNS</li> <li>Recreation Pressure</li> <li>Unsympathetic/lack of management</li> </ul>   | Condition of ponds and wetlands in key areas are monitored and managed to protect and enhance the Nature Network                               | Complete all condition assessments by April 2029 Sourced resources to enable restoration of at least 1 area by 2030          | DCC,                 |

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| To promote sympathetic management to improve the health of Dundee's Ecosystems and ensure key sites are managed to a high standard for biodiversity | WT3        | Investigate and identify effective, environmentally sustainable methods for managing urban waterways impacted by increasing beaver activity within the city, including flood mitigation, habitat protection and infrastructure safeguarding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review similar case studies of urban beaver management approaches</li> <li>• Assess management techniques such as protective fencing, flow devices and habitat modification</li> <li>• Receive input from stakeholder groups</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use existing ecological data, internal council resources and consultations with relevant experts</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsympathetic management</li> </ul> | Supports biodiversity and Nature Network protection by ensuring beavers are managed in a way that balances ecological benefits with infrastructure protection | Management policy in place by 2030                                                                                                                           | DCC                  |
| To ensure no net loss of habitat and, where appropriate, increase the distribution and connectivity of all habitats                                 | WT4        | Identify and apply for suitable funding opportunities to support the creation of new wetland habitats in areas that would improve the ecological connectivity of the Nature Network                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify suitable sites with opportunities for wetland creation</li> <li>• Apply for and secure funding to deliver identified opportunities</li> <li>• Complete new wetland projects</li> </ul>                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with internal and external partners and stakeholders to identify potential wetland creation opportunities</li> <li>• Monitor relevant funding streams and work collaboratively to develop strong proposals</li> <li>• Good project management to ensure delivery of projects</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development</li> </ul>              | Supports the expansion of the Nature Network, improves biodiversity, strengthens climate resilience and flood management                                      | 3 sites identified with wetland creation opportunities by April 2027<br>Funding secured for one project by April 2028<br>One project completed by April 2030 | DCC supported by WRD |

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| To ensure no net loss of habitat and, where appropriate, increase the distribution and connectivity of all habitats | WT5        | Actively promote and support river restoration and projects to remove culverted sections across waterways in the city, as appropriate.                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify appropriate opportunities for restoration/removal of culverted sections of waterways</li> <li>Contribute to the development and delivery of identified projects</li> </ul>                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Water Resilient Dundee Partnership will collaborate and explore opportunities and work with internal and external stakeholders to advocate for and progress of these opportunities</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unsympathetic/lack of management</li> <li>Development</li> <li>Climate Change</li> </ul> | Rivers and burns in the city are in good condition and de-culverted where possible, maximising the amount of high-quality wetland habitat across Dundee's Nature Network.                             | Continue to work on current opportunities at St Mary's and the Dighty up to 2030<br>Identify at least 2 further opportunities by 2030 | DCC and WRD supported by SEPA, |
|                                                                                                                     | WT6        | Identify and address physical and environmental barriers to fish passage in burns and rivers within the city, focusing on improving connectivity for migratory and resident fish species | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct a survey of priority watercourses in the city</li> <li>Identify and map any barriers</li> <li>Develop any remedial actions required</li> <li>Resource and implement any remedial actions</li> <li>Track improvements where feasible</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work collaboratively with internal teams, SEPA and fisheries experts</li> <li>Use existing mapping tools and site inspection regimes</li> <li>Source suitable funding</li> </ul>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unsympathetic management</li> </ul>                                                      | Supports Nature Network enhancement, ecological connectivity, and compliance with environmental regulations, while contributing to healthier river ecosystems and wider climate adaptation objectives | Complete all mapping by April 2029, develop remedial action for a least 1 barrier by 2030                                             | DCC supported by SEPA          |

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| To find a balance between providing for biodiversity and providing public amenity for all users within the city | WT7        | Ensure all new SuDS and wetland projects are designed and delivered to provide multiple benefits, including enhanced ecosystem services and improved access and value for local communities for example new paths and additional biodiverse planting. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply a multi-benefit design approach to 100% of new SuDs and wetland projects</li> <li>• Demonstrate the delivery of at least 2 ecosystem services and at least 2 community benefits in each project plan</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use established best practice guidance and work collaboratively with relevant teams and stakeholders during project planning and delivery.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development Unsympathetic/ lack of management</li> <li>• Recreation</li> <li>• Pressure</li> <li>• Nutrient enrichment</li> <li>• Pollution</li> </ul> | Supports climate resilience, biodiversity enhancement, and community wellbeing in line with Dundee's Nature Network. | Ongoing as projects arise. | DCC, WRD |

## Marine and Coastal

| Objective                                                                                                                                           | Action Ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                                                                                                    | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                 | Threat Addressed                                                                                                                      | Relevant Outcome                                                                                           | Time               | Lead |
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| To promote sympathetic management to improve the health of Dundee's Ecosystems and ensure key sites are managed to a high standard for biodiversity | MC1        | Implement an ongoing management programme for the sand dunes at Broughty Ferry to maintain habitat quality, stability and biodiversity                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to monitor and maintain the marram grass and other vegetation on the dunes</li> <li>Continue to control access across the dunes using chestpale fencing</li> <li>Assess and repair any damage after significant high tides and storm events</li> </ul>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilising existing management plans, staff knowledge and expertise</li> <li>Resourced through general maintenance budget</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate Change</li> <li>Poorly managed recreation</li> <li>Unsympathetic management</li> </ul> | Protects and enhances a key coastal habitat, supporting biodiversity, erosion control, and public amenity. | Annual Maintenance | DCC  |
|                                                                                                                                                     | MC2        | Implement ongoing management programme for the coastal grassland at Broughty Ferry to maintain and enhance habitat quality and biodiversity whilst ensuring access through the new active travel remains unimpeded | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue with annual cut and lift mowing regime</li> <li>Complete annual rapid assessment surveys to assess the condition of the grassland and identify any remedial action required</li> <li>Control any encroachment of scrub or invasive species on site</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilising existing management plans, staff knowledge and expertise</li> <li>Resourced through general maintenance budget</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate Change</li> <li>Poorly managed recreation</li> <li>Unsympathetic management</li> </ul> | Protects and enhances a key coastal habitat, maintaining it ecological and amenity value.                  | Annual Maintenance | DCC  |

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| To promote sympathetic management to improve the health of Dundee's Ecosystems and ensure key sites are managed to a high standard for biodiversity | MC3        | Work collaboratively with neighbouring Local Authorities, Nature Scot and the Tay Estuary Forum to manage and protect the designated protected areas in the Tay, ensuring consistent practices and co-ordinated conservation efforts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish formal engagement with PKC, Fife and Angus</li> <li>Set up regular events to share best practice and challenges</li> </ul>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilise existing regional partnerships, data-sharing agreements, and ecological expertise across Local Authorities</li> <li>Supported by available resources and collaborative working structures.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unsympathetic/lack of management</li> <li>Climate Change</li> </ul> | Supports statutory obligations for protected area management, enhances biodiversity conservation, and ensures a coordinated, catchment-scale approach to environmental protection within the Tay | Formal engagement and events agreed by April 2028                                          | DCC, Angus Council, PKC, Fife Council |
| To ensure no net loss of habitat and, where appropriate, increase the distribution and connectivity of all habitats                                 | MC4        | Ensure that beach cleaning methods at Broughty Ferry Beach are environmentally sensitive and do not negatively impact local biodiversity, including coastal habitats and species                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and assess current beach cleaning methods against best practice guidance</li> <li>Implement any required amendments to the current methods</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with internal teams and ecological specialists</li> <li>Use existing operational processes and available guidance to adjust practices, if required, without additional maintenance burden</li> </ul>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unsympathetic management</li> </ul>                                 | Supports biodiversity conservation, coastal habitat protection, and sustainable land management, while maintaining public amenity and cleanliness standards at a key city beach                  | Undertake review of current practices by April 2028 and implement any improvements by 2029 | DCC                                   |

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| To find a balance between providing for biodiversity and providing public amenity for all users within the city | MC5        | Publish bathing water quality at Broughty Ferry Beach and promote good environmental practices to protect water quality and public health                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEPA to analyse routine water quality data during the bathing season</li> <li>• Liaise with relevant agencies to track compliance with bathing water standards</li> <li>• Deliver or support public awareness initiatives such as signage and campaigns</li> <li>• Record and respond to any identified pollution incidents or risks</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use existing monitoring data and systems</li> <li>• Build on current communication channels to promote best practice without significant additional resources</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pollution</li> <li>• Unsympathetic management</li> </ul> | Supports public health, environmental protection, and regulatory compliance, while contributing to maintaining or improving bathing water classification and promoting responsible use of the coastal environment | Monitoring by SEPA annually through the bathing season. Implement 1 awareness raising initiative each summer. Report annually. | DCC with support from SEPA                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                 | MC6        | Promote responsible wildlife watching practices along the River Tay to minimise disturbance to wildlife while encouraging public enjoyment and awareness of local biodiversity. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with stakeholders to develop clear guidance material</li> <li>• Deliver awareness campaign</li> <li>• Identify key users groups to contact and work with</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use existing communication channels, partnerships and best practice guidance to deliver outreach activities with current resources</li> </ul>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poorly managed recreation</li> </ul>                     | Supports biodiversity conservation, reduces human impact on sensitive species and habitats, and aligns with wider environmental education and sustainable tourism objectives within the Tay catchment.            | Deliver by 2030                                                                                                                | DCC supported by RSPB, additional partners such as Fife Council and Forth Ports also to be included. |

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| To find a balance between providing for biodiversity and providing public amenity for all users within the city | MC7        | Design and promote a targeted campaign to raise awareness of the environmental and wildlife dangers associated with waste from fishing activities along the River Tay, encouraging responsible disposal and behaviour. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver campaign materials highlighting risks such as entanglement and pollution</li> <li>• Deliver outreach initiatives</li> <li>• Install informative signage at key locations</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with internal communications teams, fisheries groups, and environmental partners using existing channels and resources to develop and disseminate campaign materials effectively</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poorly managed recreation</li> <li>• Pollution</li> </ul> | Supports biodiversity conservation, reduces pollution, enhances river health, and aligns with wider environmental protection and public awareness objectives along the River Tay | Complete campaign by 2030 | DCC supported by RSPB |

## Grasslands

| Overall Objective                                                                                                                                    | Action Ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                                               | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                              | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Threat Addressed                                                                        | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                     | Time                                                                                | Lead |
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| To promote sympathetic management to improve the health of Dundee's Ecosystems and ensure key sites are managed to a high standard for biodiversity. | GR1        | Implement an ongoing management programme for areas designated as biodiversity and naturalised grasslands to maintain and enhance their ecological condition. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All areas will be cut as per agreed maps each year</li> <li>• Condition assessments will be carried out</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery through annual maintenance plan</li> <li>• Rapid assessment surveys to be carried out</li> <li>• Utilise best practice guidance, staff training and existing staff expertise and ensure that appropriate consultation with SFRS</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor Management/ lack of management</li> </ul> | Supports biodiversity conservation, improves habitat connectivity, and contributes to Dundee's Nature Network objectives.            | Ongoing annual maintenance Condition assessment every 3 years                       | DCC  |
|                                                                                                                                                      | GR2        | Implement an ongoing management programme for areas designated as annual and perennial wildflower areas to maintain and enhance their ecological condition.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of areas will be sown and cut as per agreed maps each year</li> </ul>                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery through annual maintenance plan</li> <li>• Rapid assessment surveys to be carried out for perennial meadows</li> <li>• Utilise best practice guidance, staff training and existing staff expertise</li> </ul>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor Management/ Lack of management</li> </ul> | Greenspaces across the city provide a mosaic of habitats suitable for a variety of species, contributing to Dundee's Nature Network. | Ongoing annual maintenance Condition assessment for perennial meadows every 2 years | DCC  |

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| To ensure no net loss of habitat and, where appropriate, increase the distribution and connectivity of all habitats | GR3        | Protect and enhance grassland areas designated for biodiversity and increase their extent where appropriate.                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Areas designated will not decrease</li> <li>• Areas for expansion to be identified where feasible</li> </ul>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing consultation with local communities</li> <li>• Use agreed management practices and allocate resources strategically to support both maintenance and expansion opportunities</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor management/lack of management</li> </ul> | Contributes to biodiversity conservation, habitat connectivity, and the strengthening of Dundee's Nature Network. | Annual maintenance ongoing, Annual reporting on the area of grassland designated for biodiversity | DCC                                   |
| To find a balance between providing for biodiversity and providing public amenity for all users within the city     | GR4        | Area within Riverside Nature Park will continue to be promoted as an area where dogs should be on leads during bird breeding season. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fencing and signage to be erected and removed each year</li> <li>• On site presence by staff and volunteers to promote this.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of breeding skylarks to be surveyed annually</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recreation</li> </ul>                         | Ground nesting bird species such as skylarks will be protected.                                                   | To be carried out annually during the breeding season                                             | DCC, Friends of Riverside Nature Park |

## Urban

| Objective                                                                                                                                            | Action Ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                     | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                           | Threat Addressed                                                                                                                           | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                                                    | Time                                                                                | Lead                                                |
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| To promote sympathetic management to improve the health of Dundee's Ecosystems and ensure key sites are managed to a high standard for biodiversity. | UR1        | Map DCC owned street trees, park trees and trees in local greenspaces within the DCC GIS Tree Management System                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress tracked monthly</li> </ul>                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build on existing GIS Tree Management system and current mapping progress using available data sets, surveys and field work</li> </ul>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate Change</li> <li>Habitat fragmentation</li> <li>Unsympathetic/lack of management.</li> </ul> | DCC has well managed, accessible and interrogable information regarding urban tree assets within the city, facilitating efficient management.                       | At least 5000 trees recorded by April 2027<br>All known street trees mapped by 2030 | DCC                                                 |
|                                                                                                                                                      | UR2        | Maintain Green Flag (GF) Status for existing DCC Parks and Identify additional parks that meet the criteria for future applications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retain GF status for all current parks annually</li> <li>Secure at least 1 additional Award</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilise existing park management practices, staff expertise and green Flag criteria assessments to prepare and submit applications</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unsympathetic/lack of management</li> </ul>                                                         | Key parks in Dundee have individual Management Plans and are externally assessed against set criteria and a national benchmark for quality, including biodiversity. | Prepare and secure 1 additional award by 2030                                       | DCC supported by relevant 'Friends of Parks' groups |

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| To promote sympathetic management to improve the health of Dundee's Ecosystems and ensure key sites are managed to a high standard for biodiversity. | UR3        | Update DCC's Open Space Strategy to reflect new planning legislation and include targeted actions to improve the quality and accessibility of open spaces across the city                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open space maps are up to date</li> <li>• Quality assessments of open spaces are completed</li> <li>• New Open Space Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• drafted</li> <li>• agreed</li> <li>• published</li> <li>• implemented</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use existing policy frameworks, stakeholder engagement and available data including Open Space Audit to inform the update</li> <li>• Contractor procured to complete draft.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development</li> <li>• Habitat fragmentation</li> <li>• Unsympathetic/lack of management</li> </ul> | An Open Space strategy that links to other DCC strategies, provides a direction for management of open spaces and ensures equal and fair access to these spaces.                                              | Complete by April 2027                                                                                                | DCC supported by WRD |
|                                                                                                                                                      | UR4        | Ensure all new Dundee City Council projects and developments incorporate measures to protect and enhance habitats for European Protected Species and other protected species known to occur in Dundee, including otter, bats, red squirrel, beaver, common toad, and bottlenose dolphin. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess all new projects and developments for potential impacts on protected species and their habitats.</li> <li>• Include species-specific habitat enhancement measures in all relevant projects.</li> <li>• Monitor and record enhancement measures through project completion reports.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilise ecological surveys, planning assessments, biodiversity guidance, and stakeholder expertise to identify and implement appropriate enhancement opportunities.</li> </ul>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development</li> <li>• Habitat fragmentation</li> <li>• Unsympathetic/lack of management</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports biodiversity conservation, statutory obligations relating to protected species, and Dundee's wider environmental and nature recovery objectives.</li> </ul> | Ensure that Dundee City Council projects and developments from April 2026 onwards protect European Protected Species. | DCC                  |

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| To ensure no net loss of habitat and, where appropriate, increase the distribution and connectivity of all habitats | UR5        | Ensure all new DCC development and regeneration projects incorporate blue and green infrastructure and include measures to mitigate any loss of habitat | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All new city projects assessed for blue/green infrastructure</li> <li>• All projects to demonstrate at least one blue/green infrastructure element</li> <li>• No net loss of biodiversity, with mitigation and enhancement measures clearly documented</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply existing policies, design standards and environmental assessments within project development and approval process</li> </ul>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• Development</li> <li>• Habitat fragmentation</li> </ul> | Supports climate resilience, the Nature Network and sustainable urban development across the city. | 100% of new projects from September onwards with compliance monitored through project reporting                                         | DCC, WRD |
|                                                                                                                     | UR6        | Hedges will be retained where feasible and ensure they are properly maintained and enhanced to improve their biodiversity value                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All DCC managed hedges are mapped</li> <li>• All DCC managed hedges are assessed for quality</li> <li>• Restoration/enhancement of hedges is carried out where deemed necessary</li> </ul>                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilise existing maintenance plans and practices, ecological guidance and surveys to inform retention and enhancement decisions</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Habitat fragmentation</li> <li>• Unsympathetic management</li> </ul>              | Enhancing and protecting the Nature Network                                                        | Hedge condition to be assessed at least once every 5 years. Achieve a good condition status for at least 80% of retained hedges by 2030 | DCC      |

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| To ensure no net loss of habitat and, where appropriate, increase the distribution and connectivity of all habitats | UR7        | Nature Network for the city is identified and mapped with opportunities for protection, restoration and enhancement identified.                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature Network is mainstreamed into council strategies and policies</li> <li>• Develop a list and map of actionable opportunities for restoration and enhancement</li> <li>• Establish baseline data and indicators for ongoing monitoring</li> </ul>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build on existing public ecological data</li> <li>• Utilise GIS systems</li> <li>• Complete new habitat surveys</li> <li>• Partnership working with relevant stakeholders</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Habitat fragmentation</li> <li>• Unsympathetic/lack of management</li> </ul> | The city has a well-connected nature network which is resilient to forecasted climate change risks and in line with national and local policy | A list/map of opportunities to be produced by April 2027<br>Annual monitoring and reporting on delivery progress of actions to council committee | DCC supported by WRD |
|                                                                                                                     | UR8        | Identify and apply for relevant funding opportunities to support the planting of new street trees, ensuring that proposals prioritise areas of greatest need in line with Nature Network and Tree Equity principles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review available funding on an ongoing basis</li> <li>• Submit funding applications</li> <li>• Ensure applications include considerations for tree equity and Nature Networks</li> <li>• Track success rate of applications and number of trees funded</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with internal and external stakeholders to develop robust, evidence-based funding bids within capacity</li> </ul>                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Habitat fragmentation</li> </ul>                                             | A well-connected nature network in the city which also benefits people through the ecosystem benefits street trees provide                    | Review and submit funding bids as opportunities arise                                                                                            | DCC supported by WRD |

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| To ensure no net loss of habitat and, where appropriate, increase the distribution and connectivity of all habitats | UR9        | Investigate and identify practical solutions to reduce barriers to ecological connectivity within the Nature Network, with a particular focus on mitigating the impact of busy roads on wildlife movement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and map key barriers affecting potential routes of connectivity within the Nature Network</li> <li>Identify 3 high priority locations</li> <li>Evaluate potential mitigation measures</li> <li>Produce a recommendation report outlining feasible interventions and next steps</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use existing GIS data, ecological surveys and collaboration with stakeholders to assess barriers and develop realistic, evidence-based solutions with existing resources</li> </ul>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Habitat fragmentation</li> </ul> | Supports biodiversity, habitat connectivity, and climate resilience, aligning with Nature Network objectives and contributing to the reduction of habitat fragmentation caused by transport infrastructure | Barriers mapped and prioritised by April 2028<br>Potential mitigation explored by April 2029<br>Report complete by 2030                      | DCC supported by WWCT |
|                                                                                                                     | UR10       | Support schools across the city to develop and enhance gardens and biodiversity areas within their grounds, promoting outdoor learning, habitat creation, and environmental awareness                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage schools and provide advice and support</li> <li>Assist with projects which create or enhance habitats in school's grounds</li> <li>Develop guidance materials for schools</li> <li>Record levels of participation and feedback from schools</li> </ul>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work collaboratively with school staff, community groups and environmental partners</li> <li>Use existing resources, volunteer support and small-scale funding opportunities when available</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Habitat fragmentation</li> </ul> | Supports biodiversity enhancement, climate education, and community engagement, while contributing to greener school environments and fostering long-term environmental stewardship among young people     | Support 3 schools to develop projects by 2030 e.g. as part of St Mary's Drainage Strategy. Develop guidance materials and distribute by 2030 | DCC supported by WRD  |

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| To find a balance between providing for biodiversity and providing public amenity for all users within the city | UR11       | Encourage and support community growing initiatives with an emphasis on organic practices, while promoting the inclusion of biodiversity-enhancing features such as orchards and ponds within community garden spaces. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage with Community Growing Network</li> <li>Facilitate the development of new biodiversity features</li> <li>Provide sharing best practice opportunities</li> </ul>                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with community groups, local volunteers and environmental partners</li> <li>use existing knowledge, guidance and small-scale funding or in-kind support to deliver practical improvements</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate Change</li> <li>Habitat fragmentation,</li> </ul>                  | Supports biodiversity, sustainable food production, and community wellbeing, while contributing to climate resilience and increased access to green spaces within the city              | Hold 2 sharing best practice events by 2030<br>Support the development of additional biodiversity features in 4 existing community growing spaces by 2030 | DCC, WRD |
|                                                                                                                 | UR12       | Continue to support and collaborate with Friends groups across Dundee to deliver effective habitat management and creation projects that enhance local biodiversity and green spaces                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage with groups through meetings, site visits or joint activities</li> <li>Support the delivery of habitat creation or enhancement projects</li> <li>Provide advice or training as required</li> <li>Record projects delivered, areas improved and participation levels</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build on existing relationships with Friends groups, utilising council expertise, volunteer input, and available resources to provide practical and ongoing support</li> </ul>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unsympathetic/lack of management</li> <li>Habitat fragmentation</li> </ul> | Supports biodiversity conservation, community engagement, and improved management of green spaces, aligning with Nature Network objectives and improving climate resilience in the city | Ongoing up to 2030                                                                                                                                        | DCC      |

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| To find a balance between providing for biodiversity and providing public amenity for all users within the city | UR13       | Ensure that all relevant Active Travel projects incorporate blue and green infrastructure elements, such as sustainable drainage systems, tree planting, habitat creation, and green corridors, to enhance environmental and user benefits | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review all new Active Travel project designs for inclusion of blue and green infrastructure</li> <li>Incorporate at least 2 types of blue/green infrastructure features (e.g., rain gardens, street trees, swales, habitat corridors) into applicable projects</li> <li>Collaborate with internal teams and partners to ensure integration at design stage</li> <li>Track and report on number of projects incorporating these elements</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with transport planners, engineers, and environmental specialists to integrate blue and green infrastructure into project design using existing planning processes, design standards, and available funding streams</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate Change</li> <li>Development</li> <li>Habitat fragmentation</li> </ul> | Supports climate resilience, sustainable urban drainage, biodiversity enhancement, and improved wellbeing, while aligning Active Travel projects with wider environmental and Nature Network objectives | All new active travel projects up to 2030                                                                                                                                     | DCC, WRD supported by WWCT |
|                                                                                                                 | UR14       | Manage cemeteries to reduce reliance on herbicides and enhance habitat connectivity, contributing to the wider Nature Network through the creation and maintenance of wildlife-friendly spaces                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce herbicide use across all cemeteries</li> <li>Identify and implement alternative management practices</li> <li>Enhance several cemetery sites across the city</li> <li>Monitor and record the changes and biodiversity outcomes</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work collaboratively with grounds maintenance teams, ecologists, and external partners to introduce practical alternatives to herbicide use, using existing resources and adapting maintenance regimes where feasible</li> </ul>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Habitat fragmentation</li> <li>Unsympathetic/lack of management</li> </ul>    | Supports biodiversity conservation, reduces chemical inputs, and strengthens ecological connectivity within the city, aligning with Nature Network goals and sustainable land management practices      | Reduce herbicide use in cemeteries by April 2028<br>Implementation of alternative management practices by 2029<br>Monitoring to occur before and after any management changes | DCC                        |

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| To find a balance between providing for biodiversity and providing public amenity for all users within the city | UR15       | Investigate and identify suitable planting methods and tree pit systems that improve tree health and longevity while minimising damage to surrounding infrastructure such as pavements, roads, and underground services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review different tree pit and planting system types</li> <li>• Assess their effectiveness in terms of tree health, root growth and infrastructure protection</li> <li>• Identify preferred solutions</li> <li>• Produce a guidance document with recommendations for future planting schemes</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a combination of existing research, case studies, supplier information, and collaboration with arborists, engineers, and planning teams to evaluate practical and cost-effective solutions within available resources.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsympathetic/lack of management</li> </ul> | Supports urban tree health, reduces maintenance costs and infrastructure damage, and contributes to sustainable urban greening and Nature Network objectives within the city             | Review and identify preferred systems by April 2029<br>New guidance documents by 2030 | DCC supported by WRD |
|                                                                                                                 | UR16       | Continue to reduce the use of herbicides in maintenance activities across the city by implementing alternative, environmentally sustainable vegetation management practices                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The amount of herbicide used by DCC will be reduced</li> <li>• Investigate and trial alternative weed control techniques</li> <li>• Record and report herbicide usage annually</li> </ul>                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with grounds maintenance teams and contractors to adapt existing practices, supported by staff training, pilot projects, and the gradual introduction of alternative methods within available resources</li> </ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsympathetic/lack of management</li> </ul> | Supports environmental protection, biodiversity enhancement, and public health by reducing chemical inputs, while aligning with sustainable land management and climate resilience goals | Ongoing up to 2030                                                                    | DCC                  |

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| To find a balance between providing for biodiversity and providing public amenity for all users within the city | UR17       | Investigate opportunities to improve ecological connectivity between green spaces in the city centre and the wider Nature Network, identifying practical measures to create or strengthen habitat corridors             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map and assess existing green spaces and potential connectivity routes within the city centre</li> <li>• Identify potential opportunities for improving connections</li> <li>• Evaluate types of intervention and produce a report or action plan with recommendations to be taken forward</li> </ul>                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use existing GIS mapping, planning data, and collaboration with urban planners, transport teams, and environmental partners to identify realistic, implementable solutions within available resources</li> </ul>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Habitat fragmentation</li> </ul> | Supports biodiversity enhancement, strengthens the Nature Network, and contributes to urban climate resilience, placemaking, and improved access to green infrastructure in the city centre | Potential opportunities identified by April 2029 Action Plan by 2030 | DCC supported by RSPB, WRD and other partners. |
|                                                                                                                 | UR18       | Investigate and map small sites within built-up areas that could support new blue green infrastructure, including pocket parks, or be restored and enhanced by local communities with appropriate guidance and support. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map and assess small /underutilised sites across Nature Network areas</li> <li>• Identify a number of quick win sites</li> <li>• Categorise sites based on potential interventions/ uses</li> <li>• Engage with local communities to explore interest and feasibility</li> <li>• Add feasible projects to Nature Network Opportunity map</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use existing GIS data, site visits, and collaboration with planning teams, community groups, and environmental partners to identify feasible opportunities and support community-led improvements within available resources.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Habitat fragmentation</li> </ul> | Supports urban greening, biodiversity enhancement, and community engagement, while contributing to climate resilience and expanding the Nature Network within densely built environments    | Ongoing up to 2030                                                   | DCC supported by WWCT, WRD                     |

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## Planning and Policy

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| To balance biodiversity issues with sustainable development within the city. | PL1        | Ensure that Nature Network principles are effectively embedded within the new Local Development Plan (LDP) Review, integrating ecological connectivity, biodiversity enhancement, and blue green infrastructure into planning policy and land use decisions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to relevant sections of the LDP Review, ensuring Nature Network objectives are clearly incorporated</li> <li>• Develop or influence policies and guidance that support habitat connectivity and blue green infrastructure</li> <li>• Ensure inclusion of mapped Nature Network priorities and opportunity areas within the plan</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work collaboratively with planning teams, GIS specialists, and environmental partners, using existing data, evidence bases, and policy frameworks to integrate Nature Network priorities into the LDP within available resources and timelines</li> </ul> | Supports statutory planning requirements, biodiversity conservation, and climate resilience, ensuring that long-term development aligns with Nature Network objectives and strengthens ecological connectivity across the city | To work with existing LDP review timescales | DCC  |

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| To balance biodiversity issues with sustainable development within the city. | PL2        | Develop and produce specific guidance to support the integration of biodiversity and Nature Network principles into development, ensuring that new projects contribute positively to habitats, species, and ecological connectivity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review relevant national and regional biodiversity and planning guidance to inform local adaptation</li> <li>• Engage with key internal teams and stakeholders (e.g., planning, developers, ecologists) to gather input</li> <li>• Produce comprehensive guidance documents covering key topics</li> <li>• Record uptake and feedback from users of the guidance</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use existing policy frameworks, best practice examples, and internal expertise, working collaboratively across departments to develop practical, locally relevant guidance within available capacity</li> </ul> | Supports sustainable development, strengthens biodiversity protection and enhancement, and ensures that planning decisions contribute to the Nature Network and wider environmental goals within Dundee | Produce new guidance by 2030 | DCC  |

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| To balance biodiversity issues with sustainable development within the city. | PL3        | Ensure that all relevant planning applications are systematically assessed in accordance with Policy 3 (Biodiversity) of National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), to protect and enhance biodiversity and support the Nature Network | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess all applicable applications against NPF4 Policy 3 requirements</li> <li>• Provide documented biodiversity input or recommendations for each relevant application</li> <li>• Ensure mitigation, enhancement, or biodiversity net gain measures are identified where required</li> <li>• Track and report number of applications reviewed and influenced, including outcomes</li> <li>• Monitor compliance with Policy 3 in approved developments where feasible</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work collaboratively with planning officers, developers, and consultees, using existing policy guidance, ecological expertise, and standard assessment processes to ensure consistent and efficient application reviews</li> </ul> | Supports statutory planning responsibilities, biodiversity protection and enhancement, and alignment with national policy, ensuring development contributes positively to the Nature Network objectives | Ongoing up to 2030 | DCC  |

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| To ensure that any plans and strategies produced by Dundee City Council protect and enhance biodiversity.           | PL4        | Ensure biodiversity principles and Nature Network objectives are fully embedded across all Dundee City Council (DCC) strategies, policies, and plans, integrating ecological considerations into decision-making processes across departments.         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review all relevant DCC strategies and plans to assess current inclusion of biodiversity and Nature Network principles</li> <li>Integrate biodiversity considerations into 100% of new or revised strategies where applicable</li> <li>Track and report on the number of strategies influenced or updated</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborate with internal departments (e.g., planning, transport, operations, climate teams) and use existing policy frameworks, guidance, and ecological expertise to integrate biodiversity considerations without requiring significant additional resources</li> </ul> | Supports statutory biodiversity duties, strengthens the Nature Network, and ensures a coordinated, cross-departmental approach to environmental sustainability, climate resilience, and nature recovery                          | Ongoing up to 2030                           | DCC  |
| To ensure no net loss of habitat and, where appropriate, increase the distribution and connectivity of all habitats | PL5        | Review all current Locally Important Nature Conservation Sites (LINCS) using up-to-date guidance and criteria, making evidence-based decisions to add, amend, or remove sites as appropriate, and produce a formal site statement for each agreed site | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review all existing LINCS sites against current criteria</li> <li>Identify and assess potential new sites</li> <li>Produce a formal site statement for each agreed site</li> <li>Maintain a revised and mapped dataset of LINCS</li> </ul>                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilise existing ecological data, GIS mapping, and current best-practice guidance, supported by collaboration with ecologists, planners, and relevant stakeholders to ensure a robust and achievable review process within available resources</li> </ul>                  | Supports the Nature Network, strengthens the evidence base for planning and land management decisions, and ensures that locally important sites are accurately identified, protected, and managed in line with current standards | To be completed for inclusion in updated LDP | DCC  |

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| To ensure no net loss of habitat and, where appropriate, increase the distribution and connectivity of all habitats | PL6        | Ensure that local suppliers of plants and seeds are registered and accessible within the council's procurement system, enabling staff to source locally provenanced planting material for projects across the city. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and onboard local suppliers of trees and seeds onto the procurement system</li> <li>• Ensure procurement guidance is updated to promote use of local provenance materials</li> <li>• Track number of purchases made from local suppliers annually</li> <li>• Provide guidance or awareness sessions to relevant staff on sourcing local materials</li> <li>• Monitor percentage of tree and seed procurement sourced locally where feasible</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work collaboratively with procurement teams, nurseries, and suppliers to facilitate registration processes, using existing procurement frameworks and communication channels to improve access without significant additional resources</li> </ul> | Supports biodiversity, strengthens local supply chains, improves resilience of planting schemes through appropriate provenance, and aligns with sustainability and Nature Network objectives | Ongoing up to 2030 | DCC  |

| Overall Objective                                                                                               | Action Ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                                                                               | Time               | Lead |
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| To find a balance between providing for biodiversity and providing public amenity for all users within the city | PL7        | Ensure that the sale or leasing of council-owned assets does not result in an overall loss of biodiversity, by embedding biodiversity assessment, mitigation, and enhancement requirements into all relevant asset transfer processes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess all applicable asset sales or leases for biodiversity impact</li> <li>• Require biodiversity mitigation or enhancement measures in all relevant agreements where impacts are identified</li> <li>• Provide documented recommendations for each case</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work collaboratively with property, legal, planning, and Greenspace teams to integrate biodiversity considerations into existing asset management and disposal processes, using standard guidance and available ecological expertise</li> </ul> | Supports biodiversity protection, aligns with Nature Network and policy objectives, and ensures that council decisions contribute to sustainable land management and environmental stewardship | Ongoing up to 2030 | DCC  |

# Invasive Non-Native Species

| Overall Objective                                                                                                                                   | Action Ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                                                                                              | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                                                                             | Time                        | Lead |
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| To promote sympathetic management to improve the health of Dundee's Ecosystems and ensure key sites are managed to a high standard for biodiversity | IN1        | Source and secure appropriate resources to deliver ongoing grey squirrel control measures at key parks and woodlands across the city and Belmont Estate, to protect native species and woodland biodiversity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and secure funding, staff time, or partnership resources to support control measures</li> <li>• Implement grey squirrel control at priority sites</li> <li>• Collaborate with partner organisations (e.g., wildlife groups, forestry bodies)</li> <li>• Record levels of activity, effort, and outcomes achieved annually</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with internal teams, external partners, and potential funding bodies to secure resources, using existing networks, grant opportunities, and management frameworks to deliver control activities within practical limits</li> </ul> | Supports biodiversity conservation, protects native species (e.g., red squirrels, woodland birds), and contributes to improved woodland health and resilience within the city's green spaces | Ongoing annually up to 2030 | DCC  |

| Overall Objective                                                                                                                                   | Action Ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                                                                                   | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                            | Time                        | Lead |
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| To promote sympathetic management to improve the health of Dundee's Ecosystems and ensure key sites are managed to a high standard for biodiversity | IN2        | Continue to map the distribution of Giant Hogweed across Dundee City Council (DCC) maintained properties and use this information to inform and deliver a coordinated annual programme of control | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update and maintain a comprehensive GIS map of Giant Hogweed locations across all relevant DCC sites</li> <li>• Survey and record extent and condition of infestations annually</li> <li>• Deliver targeted control measures at identified priority sites</li> <li>• Report on progress annually</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilise existing staff knowledge, GIS systems, established control methods (e.g., herbicide treatment, physical removal) to manage infestations effectively within available resources</li> </ul> | Supports invasive species management, protects public health, safeguards biodiversity, and helps maintain safe and accessible public spaces | Ongoing annually up to 2030 | DCC  |

| Overall Objective                                                                                                                                   | Action Ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                                                                              | Time                                                                                    | Lead                           |
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| To promote sympathetic management to improve the health of Dundee's Ecosystems and ensure key sites are managed to a high standard for biodiversity | IN3        | Biosecurity is promoted to prevent the spread of INNS across the city through education of grounds maintenance staff.                                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and distribute biosecurity guidance materials (e.g., signage, leaflets, online content)</li> <li>• Deliver training sessions or awareness initiatives for operational staff</li> <li>• Undertake public engagement activities or campaigns</li> <li>• Increase awareness by capturing feedback or participation data from staff and public engagement activities</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with internal teams, environmental partners, and existing campaigns to deliver training and awareness using established communication channels and available resources</li> </ul>                         | Supports biodiversity protection, reduces environmental and economic impacts of INNS, and aligns with wider environmental management and biosecurity objectives at a local and national level | Guidance to be distributed by April 2028<br>Deliver at least 1 training session by 2030 | DCC                            |
|                                                                                                                                                     | IN4        | Continue to work collaboratively with partner organisations to deliver a coordinated and strategic approach to the management and control of animal and plant Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) throughout the Dighty Catchment, such as Giant Hogweed and Mink. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in partnership meetings or coordinated activities within the catchment</li> <li>• Contribute to or support the delivery of joint INNS control programmes at priority sites</li> <li>• Share and update mapping and data on INNS distribution with partners</li> </ul>                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build on existing partnerships with local authorities, environmental organisations, and community groups, utilising shared resources, data, and expertise to deliver coordinated action efficiently</li> </ul> | Supports effective catchment-scale management of INNS, helping to reduce environmental impacts, improve biodiversity, and align with wider biosecurity and river management objectives        | Ongoing up to 2030                                                                      | DCC, SEPA, SISI, Angus Council |

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# Communication and Awareness Raising

| Overall Objective                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Action Ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                                                                                       | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                                                                                       | Time                     | Lead |
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| Communicate and engage with local communities, groups, businesses and organisations regarding biodiversity, supporting and educating them where necessary and encouraging them to consider the impacts of their actions. | CM1        | Continue to work with local communities through the Take Pride Campaign to promote responsible use of greenspaces.                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver or support Take Pride engagement activities or events each year</li> <li>• Promote clear biodiversity-focused messaging (e.g., responsible access, simple actions individuals can take) through campaign materials</li> <li>• Track participation levels, feedback, and outcomes from campaign activities</li> </ul>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build on existing Take Pride Campaign structures and action plan, working with community groups, colleagues, and partners to deliver engagement using established communication channels and available resources</li> </ul> | Supports community involvement, promotes sustainable, biodiversity friendly behaviour across the city                                                                                                  | Ongoing annually to 2030 | DCC  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | CM2        | Work with schools to support the successful integration of biodiversity and Nature Network principles into the curriculum, enhancing environmental education and student engagement with local nature | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage with schools to provide curriculum support or input</li> <li>• Assist in developing or sharing biodiversity-focused learning resources or lesson materials</li> <li>• Deliver or support educational sessions, workshops, or events annually</li> <li>• Gather feedback from teachers and students to assess effectiveness</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborate with teachers, education teams, and environmental partners, using existing curriculum frameworks and resources to integrate biodiversity topics without requiring significant additional funding</li> </ul>     | Supports environmental education, biodiversity awareness, and long-term stewardship by embedding ecological understanding in young people, aligning with wider Nature Network and sustainability goals | Ongoing annually to 2030 | DCC  |

| Overall Objective                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Action Ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                                                                                                         | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                                                                                         | Time                                                                                            | Lead                               |
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| Communicate and engage with local communities, groups, businesses and organisations regarding biodiversity, supporting and educating them where necessary and encouraging them to consider the impacts of their actions. | CM3        | Work with volunteers to improve local greenspaces and habitats, enabling meaningful contributions to site management while increasing understanding and awareness of biodiversity.                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of groups engaged each year</li> <li>• Support delivery of habitat improvement activities</li> <li>• Provide training or educational sessions</li> <li>• Record data and seek feedback from volunteers on their experiences</li> </ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with existing volunteer networks, Friends groups, and community organisations, using available resources, staff support, and practical guidance to deliver manageable and impactful activities</li> </ul>   | Supports biodiversity enhancement, strengthens community involvement, and builds local capacity for sustainable greenspace management, contributing to wider Nature Network and environmental objectives | Ongoing delivery of activities and support for volunteers<br>Report on progress annually        | DCC supported by NHS Tayside, RSPB |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | CM4        | Design and deliver a campaign to promote responsible feeding of birds, highlighting risks such as disease transmission, inappropriate food types, and feeding in unsuitable locations.                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and distribute campaign materials outlining responsible feeding practices</li> <li>• Deliver awareness raising initiatives</li> <li>• Install or update informational signage at key locations</li> <li>• Monitor and record reported issues</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with communications teams, environmental partners, and local communities, using existing channels and resources to design and deliver clear, practical messaging on responsible bird feeding</li> </ul>     | Supports animal welfare, biodiversity protection, and public health, while reducing negative environmental impacts and promoting responsible use of public spaces                                        | Develop and launch a campaign by April 2028<br>Signage installed at key locations by April 2029 | DCC supported by RSPB              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | CM5        | Ensure the Council webpage provides clear, accessible information on biodiversity within the city, including details on local habitats, species, initiatives, and links to relevant strategies, guidance, and resources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review content of biodiversity pages</li> <li>• Track page metrics</li> <li>• Incorporate feedback from users and stakeholders to improve content</li> </ul>                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with communications and digital teams to develop and maintain content using existing platforms, available information, and internal expertise without requiring significant additional resources</li> </ul> | Supports public awareness, transparency, and engagement with biodiversity issues, providing a central and reliable source of information aligned with Nature Network objectives                          | Review of webpage annually                                                                      | DCC                                |

| Overall Objective                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Action Ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                                                                                                            | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Time                                                                                             | Lead                                           |
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| Communicate and engage with local communities, groups, businesses and organisations regarding biodiversity, supporting and educating them where necessary and encouraging them to consider the impacts of their actions. | CM6        | Design and deliver a campaign to encourage wildlife-friendly gardening practices, highlighting the important role that private gardens play in enhancing biodiversity and improving connectivity within the Nature Network | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and distribute campaign materials</li> <li>• Deliver awareness raising initiatives</li> <li>• Promote key actions that can be taken by householders</li> <li>• Engage with community groups</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilise existing communication channels, partnerships with community groups and environmental organisations, and established best-practice guidance to deliver a practical and achievable campaign within available resources</li> </ul> | Supports biodiversity enhancement, strengthens habitat connectivity across urban areas, and empowers residents to contribute to the Nature Network from their own gardens, aligning with wider environmental and climate resilience goals | Develop and launch campaign by April 2029<br>Ongoing delivery of awareness activities up to 2030 | DCC supported by RSPB                          |
| Celebrate Dundee's biodiversity through community engagement and publications                                                                                                                                            | CM7        | Deliver a programme of events throughout the year across the city to educate the public about biodiversity, including local habitats and wildlife, and encourage positive environmental behaviours.                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organise and deliver events annually across different locations in the city</li> <li>• Ensure events cover a range of topics</li> <li>• Gather participant feedback and attendance data</li> </ul>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilise existing staff expertise, partnerships, and community networks to organise and deliver events, supported by available venues, materials, and communication channels</li> </ul>                                                   | Supports public awareness, biodiversity conservation, and community engagement, helping to foster greater understanding and stewardship of local environments in line with Nature Network objectives.                                     | At least 5 public events each year                                                               | DCC supported by NHS Tayside, RSPB, Eden (tbc) |
| To find a balance between providing for biodiversity and providing public amenity for all users within the city                                                                                                          | CM8        | Ensure that the public are actively consulted on new projects involving biodiversity improvements, enabling community input to inform design, delivery, and long-term success                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate consultation is completed prior to any new biodiversity projects</li> <li>• Record and incorporate feedback into project design and decisions</li> </ul>                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with communications teams, community organisations, and existing engagement platforms to deliver consultations effectively, using established processes and available resources</li> </ul>                                          | Supports transparent decision-making, strengthens community involvement, and improves the quality and acceptance of biodiversity projects, aligning with wider Nature Network and environmental objectives                                | Ongoing for all biodiversity projects                                                            | DCC                                            |

| Overall Objective                                                                                                                                   | Action Ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                                                               | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                                                          | Time               | Lead |
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| To promote sympathetic management to improve the health of Dundee's Ecosystems and ensure key sites are managed to a high standard for biodiversity | CM9        | Ensure DCC staff are provided with appropriate training on biodiversity and how to incorporate biodiversity and Nature Network principles into their respective areas of work | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver training for staff across relevant departments</li> <li>• Develop guidance materials or toolkits to support staff in applying biodiversity principles</li> <li>• Track staff participation and feedback from training sessions</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work collaboratively with internal teams and external experts where needed, using existing knowledge, training materials, and communication channels to deliver practical and accessible training within available resources</li> </ul> | Supports organisational capacity building, ensures biodiversity is consistently embedded across council functions, and contributes to achieving Nature Network objectives | Ongoing up to 2030 | DCC  |

# Biological Recording and Data

| Overall Objective                                                                                                                                   | Action ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                                                                               | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                                                                                | Time                                                                       | Lead                                                       |
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| To promote sympathetic management to improve the health of Dundee's Ecosystems and ensure key sites are managed to a high standard for biodiversity | BD1        | Promote and support citizen science initiatives and biological recording across the city to improve data collection on species and habitats, and increase public engagement with biodiversity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote citizen science platform and initiatives</li> <li>Deliver a range of awareness raising events</li> <li>Track participation levels and feedback</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with environmental organisations and community groups, using existing platforms and resources to promote and facilitate participation</li> </ul>                                                                                    | Supports biodiversity monitoring, strengthens the evidence base for decision-making, and increases community involvement and awareness                                                          | Ongoing delivery of activities and promotion of seasonal events up to 2030 | DCC supported by RSPB and Leisure and Culture Dundee (TBC) |
|                                                                                                                                                     | BD2        | Source and secure ongoing funding to contract North East Scotland Biological Records Centre (NESBReC) to manage, maintain, and provide access to biological records data for Dundee           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify relevant funding opportunities annually to support biological records management</li> <li>Secure sufficient funding to maintain an active agreement with NESBReC</li> <li>Ensure all agreements are maintained</li> <li>Monitor the use of records in projects, planning and decision making</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with internal finance teams, external funding bodies, and NESBReC to identify funding streams and justify investment through demonstrated value of high-quality biological data for planning and biodiversity management</li> </ul> | Supports evidence-based decision-making, biodiversity conservation, and effective planning processes, ensuring access to up-to-date biological records that underpin Nature Network development | Identify and apply for funding opportunities as they occur.                | DCC                                                        |

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| To promote sympathetic management to improve the health of Dundee's Ecosystems and ensure key sites are managed to a high standard for biodiversity | BD3        | Complete baseline habitat and ecological surveys for all areas identified as core or stepping-stone sites within the Nature Network, prioritising these locations to establish a robust evidence base for future management and enhancement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete baseline habitat surveys for all identified core and stepping stone sites</li> <li>Record this data in a suitable, open-source format</li> </ul>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilise existing ecological data, GIS tools, and staff expertise, supplemented by external survey support where required, to undertake surveys efficiently within available resources</li> </ul>                                       | Supports evidence-based decision-making, strengthens the Nature Network, and provides a foundation for biodiversity enhancement, monitoring, and future project development                          | Complete by 2030                                                  | DCC                                              |
| To ensure no net loss of habitat and, where appropriate, increase the distribution and connectivity of all habitats                                 | BD4        | Work collaboratively with relevant stakeholders to establish and maintain effective systems and processes for sharing biodiversity and environmental data to support coordinated decision-making and Nature Network delivery                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and engage with stakeholders with relevant data</li> <li>Establish data sharing protocols where required</li> <li>Ensure regular updates or exchanges of key data sets</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build on existing partnerships and networks, utilising current data systems, agreements, and communication channels to improve coordination without requiring significant additional resources</li> </ul>                              | Supports evidence-based decision-making, improves efficiency across organisations, and strengthens biodiversity conservation and Nature Network delivery through better access to shared information | Complete by 2030                                                  | DCC supported by JHI, Abertay (TBC)              |
|                                                                                                                                                     | BD5        | Build and maintain a list of potential biodiversity-focused projects suitable for collaboration with colleges and universities, supporting survey, monitoring, and research activities within Dundee.                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and maintain a project list</li> <li>Engage with local academic institutions</li> <li>Track number of research opportunities taken up and completed</li> </ul>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work collaboratively with academic partners, using existing networks, staff expertise, and identified data gaps to develop relevant and achievable project ideas that align with course requirements and research interests</li> </ul> | Supports biodiversity monitoring and research, strengthens the evidence base for decision-making and fosters ongoing collaboration                                                                   | Complete by April 2028, list to be maintained and updated to 2030 | DCC supported by JHI, NHS Tayside, Abertay (TBC) |

| Overall Objective                                                                                                   | Action ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                                                                                   | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                                                   | Time               | Lead                                             |
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| To ensure no net loss of habitat and, where appropriate, increase the distribution and connectivity of all habitats | BD6        | Actively identify, review, and promote relevant research, guidance, and best practice relating to biodiversity actions that are applicable to Dundee, ensuring this information is shared with appropriate stakeholders to inform decision-making and project delivery | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of relevant research papers and case studies identified annually</li> <li>• Maintain a central repository or reference list for relevant research</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use existing networks, publications, and professional resources to identify relevant research, working with colleagues and partners to disseminate information through established communication channels</li> </ul> | Supports evidence-based decision-making, improves the effectiveness of biodiversity actions, and ensures Dundee benefits from current best practice and innovation | Ongoing up to 2030 | DCC supported by JHI, NHS Tayside, Abertay (TBC) |

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# Geodiversity

| Overall Objective                                                                                                                                   | Action Ref | Specific Action                                                                                                                                                                                                        | How will progress be measured?                                                                                                                                                                                                | How will this be achieved?                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Relevant Outcome                                                                                                                                                                                 | Time             | Lead |
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| To promote sympathetic management to improve the health of Dundee's Ecosystems and ensure key sites are managed to a high standard for biodiversity | GD1        | Source appropriate funding to assess the current condition of designated geodiversity sites across the city and implement any necessary repairs or management actions to ensure they are maintained to a high standard | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secure appropriate funding</li> <li>Survey and assess current sites</li> <li>Implement any identified maintenance or repairs</li> </ul>                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use existing site inventories, staff expertise, and partnerships (e.g., geologists, environmental organisations), alongside external funding opportunities</li> </ul>                                       | Supports the protection of geological features, enhances educational and heritage value, and ensures geodiversity sites are well maintained and resilient                                        | Complete by 2030 | DCC  |
|                                                                                                                                                     | GD2        | Identify and assess potential new geodiversity sites within the city, evaluating their significance and suitability for formal recognition and ongoing management                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify potential new sites through desk-based research, stakeholder input and site visit</li> <li>Produce site assessment reports and recommendations for formal adoption</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilise existing geological data, mapping tools, and collaboration with relevant experts (e.g., geologists, environmental organisations) to identify and assess sites within available resources</li> </ul> | Supports the protection and recognition of geodiversity, enhances the evidence base for planning and conservation, and contributes to wider environmental, educational, and heritage objectives. | Ongoing          | DCC  |

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## List of Acronyms

| Acronym | Full Name                                                        |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CBD     | Convention on Biological Diversity                               |
| CNC     | City Nature Challenge                                            |
| COP     | Conference of Parties                                            |
| DCC     | Dundee City Council                                              |
| EU      | European Union                                                   |
| GB      | Great Britain                                                    |
| GIS     | Geographic Information System                                    |
| INNS    | Invasive Non-Native Species                                      |
| IPBES   | Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform                        |
| IUCN    | International Union for the Conservation of Nature               |
| JHI     | James Hutton Institute                                           |
| LBAP    | Local Biodiversity Action Plan                                   |
| LDP     | Local Development Plan                                           |
| LINCS   | Locally Important Nature Conservation Site                       |
| LNR     | Local Nature Reserve                                             |
| NBN     | National Biodiversity Network                                    |
| NESBReC | North East Scotland Biological Records Centre                    |
| NPF4    | National Planning Framework 4                                    |
| PKC     | Perth and Kinross Council                                        |
| RSPB    | Royal Society for the Protection of Birds                        |
| SAC     | Special Area of Conservation                                     |
| SBIF    | Scottish Biodiversity Information Forum                          |
| SEPA    | Scottish Environment protection Agency                           |
| SISI    | Scottish Invasive Species Initiative                             |
| SMART   | Specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, timebound            |
| SPA     | Special Protection Area                                          |
| SPANS   | Scotland's People and Nature Survey                              |
| SRFS    | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service                                 |
| SSSI    | Site of Special Scientific Interest                              |
| SuDS    | Sustainable Drainage Systems                                     |
| SWT     | Scottish Wildlife Trust                                          |
| TPO     | Tree Protection Order                                            |
| TDSFB   | Tay District Salmon Fisheries Board                              |
| UK      | United Kingdom                                                   |
| UNESCO  | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation |
| WANE    | Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act                  |
| WRD     | Water Resilient Dundee                                           |
| WWCT    | Walk, Wheel, Cycle Trust                                         |

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## Nature Networks Consultation 2026- Results

The Nature Network public consultation was undertaken between the 14th March and the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026. The consultation comprised an online survey, with paper copies made available at libraries, alongside face to face engagement activities at a range of public events.

The consultation generated:

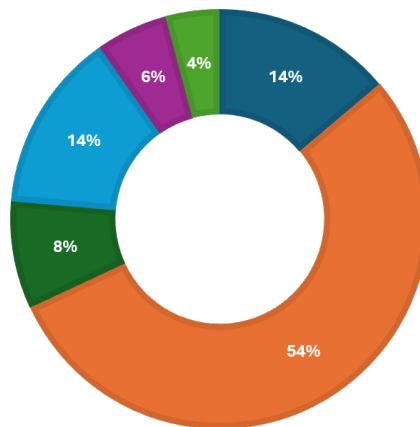
- 73 responses to the online consultation
- 1 completed paper copy of the survey
- Engagement with approximately 150 individuals through face to face discussions at public events.

Overall, the consultation demonstrated a strong appreciation for nature and greenspaces amongst residents of Dundee, with many respondents highlighting the value they place on their local parks and natural areas. While awareness and understanding of the Nature Networks concept varied, and some participants expressed limited interest in the terminology itself, there was clear support for improved management of natural spaces to deliver benefits for both local communities and biodiversity.

### Core Areas:

#### WOULD YOU AGREE THAT THE CORE AREAS ON THE MAP ARE THE MAIN AREAS FOR WILDLIFE IN DUNDEE?

■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ Neutral ■ Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree ■ Unsure



Respondents who selected a neutral response generally indicated that they were not familiar with all the areas well enough to provide a view. Those who disagreed with the proposed core areas most commonly did so because they felt that at least one of the areas identified as stepping stones should be a core site or that private gardens should be recognised more.

This feedback was consistent with comments received during face-to-face engagement activities undertaken by Council officers, where the identified core sites were frequently highlighted as valued locations for recreation and enjoyment of nature.

Participants were also invited to provide further comments on the proposed core sites. The principal themes arising from these responses were:

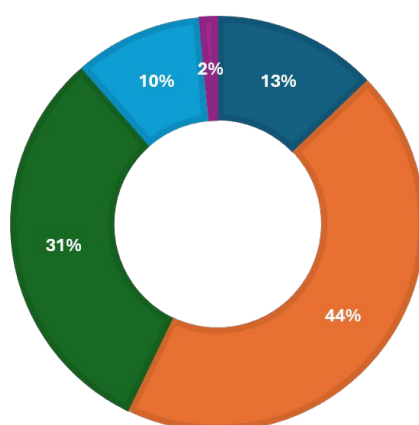
- Recognition that these areas already support rich biodiversity.
- The importance of protecting mature, veteran and heritage trees, alongside the implementation of effective woodland management practices.
- Desire to increase habitat diversity through varied interventions.
- Support for protecting existing grasslands and balancing habitat enhancement with existing ecological value.

- Red squirrel conservation was highlighted with strong concern about grey squirrel competition.
- There were concerns regarding proposed development within and adjacent to these areas.
- Antisocial behaviour and site management issues were frequently mentioned.
- Opportunities for education and community engagement.
- Need to balance biodiversity objectives with public access and recreational use.

#### Potential Nature Network Routes:

#### WOULD YOU AGREE THAT THE ROUTES ON THE MAP REPRESENT THE BEST POTENTIAL ROUTES OF CONNECTIVITY FOR NATURE BETWEEN THE CORE SITES

■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ Neutral ■ Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree



Comments provided in support of respondent's answers indicated that there was some misunderstanding regarding the purpose of the proposed routes. Many people interpreted them as active travel routes, whilst others understood them to represent continuous nature corridors and raised concerns about routes passing through private gardens. A small number of respondents questioned the need for Nature Networks, expressing the view that wildlife would simply go where it wanted without any human intervention.

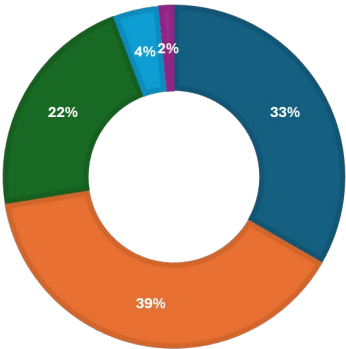
These responses suggest that further engagement and awareness raising will be required to improve public understanding of the role and functions of Nature Networks.

Respondents also identified locations where they felt potential routes were missing, most notably within the city centre. Given the highly developed nature of this area, the current lack of connected habitat is not unexpected. This issue has been recognised within the Biodiversity Action Plan, which includes actions to explore opportunities for strengthening habitat connectivity through the city centre in the future

Stepping Stones:

WOULD YOU AGREE THAT THE SITES HIGHLIGHTED AS STEPPING STONES ARE EITHER GOOD, OR HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BE GOOD, FOR NATURE?

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree



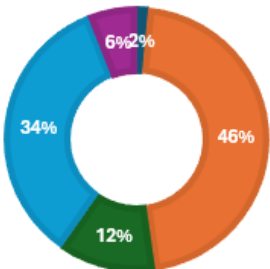
While some respondents considered that certain stepping stone sites would be more appropriately designated as core sites, and others suggested that additional smaller sites should be included, there was generally broad support for the areas identified.

Participants were invited to provide further comments on the proposed stepping stone sites. The themes emerging from these responses closely reflected those raised in relation to the core sites, including biodiversity value, habitat management, species conservation, public access and community engagement.

It was recognised that a number of smaller, locally important sites were not shown on the map. Respondents were therefore asked to consider how such sites might best be represented within the Nature Network framework.

OTHER SMALLER SITES SUCH AS COMMUNITY GARDENS AND WEE FORESTS, WHICH MIGHT BE IMPORTANT FOR NATURE, HAVE NOT CURRENTLY BEEN HIGHLIGHTED AS STEPPING STONE AREAS ALONG THE ROUTES. THIS IS IN ORDER TO KEEP THE MAP SIMPLE WHEN VIEWED AT FULL SCALE AND WHEN IN PRINT FORMAT

Agree should not be included as part of this map  
Thinks smaller sites should be included as Stepping Stone sites  
Feel that smaller sites should be added as single points in a separate category  
Think that smaller sites should be included as an online layer that can be switched on and off  
Other



This will be taken forward when the updated Biodiversity Action Plan is made available online and when considered as part of the Local Development Plan Review.

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# Integrated Impact Assessment

Committee Report Number: 179-2026

Document Title: Dundee's Biodiversity Action Plan Review

Document Type: Strategy

Description:

This is a revision of Dundee's current Biodiversity Action Plan taking into account updated legislation and the requirement to develop a nature network for the city. The plan also updates the actions contained within the plan.

Intended Outcome:

The plan focuses on the ecosystems, habitats and species most in need and ensures prioritisation of resources at a local level to protect, restore and enhance the city's Nature Network. It sets out clear objectives and targets to enable measurement of achievements. The plan builds upon current Council plans and strategies, and aims to inform any future plans. Through the Biodiversity Action Plan Dundee City Council meets its biodiversity duty as set out in the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004.

Period Covered: 24/08/2026 to 31/12/2030

Monitoring:

The progress of the plan will be measured by monitoring the progress of actions contained in the document. An annual report of progress will be considered by elected members annually. Under the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011 Dundee City Council is required to report on its actions to conserve biodiversity every 3 years. The next such report is due on 01/01/2027 and it will be considered by elected members in November 2026 before submission.

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# **Equality, Diversity and Human Rights**

## **Impacts & Implications**

Age: No Impact

Disability: No Impact

Gender Reassignment: No Impact

Marriage & Civil Partnership: No Impact

Pregnancy & Maternity: No Impact

Race / Ethnicity: No Impact

Religion or Belief: No Impact

Sex: No Impact

Sexual Orientation: No Impact

Are any Human Rights not covered by the Equalities questions above impacted by this report?

No

## **Fairness & Poverty**

### **Geographic Impacts & Implications**

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Strathmartine: | No Impact |
| Lochee:        | No Impact |
| Coldside:      | No Impact |
| Maryfield:     | No Impact |
| North East:    | No Impact |
| East End:      | No Impact |
| The Ferry:     | No Impact |
| West End:      | No Impact |

### **Household Group Impacts and Implications**

Looked After Children & Care Leavers: No Impact

Carers: No Impact

Lone Parent Families: No Impact

# Household Group Impacts and Implications

Single Female Households with Children: No Impact

Greater number of children and/or young children: No Impact

Pensioners - single / couple: No Impact

Unskilled workers or unemployed: No Impact

Serious & enduring mental health problems: No Impact

Homeless: No Impact

Drug and/or alcohol problems: No Impact

Offenders & Ex-offenders: No Impact

## Socio Economic Disadvantage Impacts & Implications

Employment Status: No Impact

Education & Skills: No Impact

Income: No Impact

Caring Responsibilities (including Childcare): No Impact

Affordability and accessibility of services: No Impact

Fuel Poverty: No Impact

Cost of Living / Poverty Premium: No Impact

Connectivity / Internet Access: No Impact

Income / Benefit Advice / Income Maximisation No Impact

Employment Opportunities: No Impact

Education: No Impact

Health: Positive

Many studies have shown that access to good quality green spaces can have positive impacts on people's health, encouraging people to get out, move more and choose more active travel options.

Life Expectancy: No Impact

Mental Health: Positive

Studies have shown that access to good quality green space and areas with high biodiversity value can positively impact people's mental health, reducing reliance on antidepressant drugs in some cases.

Overweight / Obesity: Positive

Many studies have shown that access to good quality green spaces can have positive impacts on people's physical health, encouraging people to get out, move more and choose more active travel options.

Child Health: No Impact

Neighbourhood Satisfaction: Positive

Well maintained and biodiverse parks and green spaces help to improve neighbourhood satisfaction. Green infrastructure such as street trees, pocket parks, SUDs and rain gardens can all improve neighbourhoods and people's sense of pride in their local area.

Transport: No Impact

## **Environment**

### **Climate Change Impacts**

Mitigating Greenhouse Gases: Positive

Actions in this plan will assist in the mitigation of greenhouse gases by:

Carbon capture and sequestration by woodlands and grasslands

Encouraging active travel

Reducing the amount of fuel required to maintain parks and greenspaces

Adapting to the effects of climate change: Positive

Implementing the Biodiversity Action Plan will improve Dundee's resilience to climate change with increased woodland canopy cover providing urban cooling, enabling the movement of wildlife around the city utilising the city's nature network, therefore being more adaptable to local conditions and, increased diversity of species making blue and green spaces more resilient to pests and diseases.

### **Resource Use Impacts**

Energy efficiency & consumption: No Impact

Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling of waste: No Impact

Sustainable Procurement: Positive

Actions in the plan encourage the procurement of seeds, plants and trees of local provenance, reducing the carbon footprint of transportation.

### **Transport Impacts**

Accessible transport provision: No Impact

Sustainable modes of transport: Positive

Better managed green and blue spaces with high levels of biodiversity will encourage increased walking and cycling in the city.

### **Natural Environment Impacts**

Air, land & water quality: Positive

Dundee's Nature Network will not only have positive benefit on nature in the city but will also provide more good quality spaces which will filter air and water pollution and benefit soil conditions.

Biodiversity: Positive

All actions in the plan will enhance, restore and protect biodiversity in a number of ways, aligning with local, national and international objectives and targets.

Open & green spaces: Positive

This plan aims to balance the protection and enhancement of biodiversity with providing high quality green spaces for the people who live, work and visit the city.

## **Built Environment Impacts**

Built Heritage: No Impact

Housing: No Impact

Is the proposal subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)?

Screening has determined that the proposal is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects. The reason(s) for this determination are set out in the Screening Report, a copy of which will be available to view at <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/cplanning/sea/>

## **Corporate Risk**

### **Corporate Risk Impacts**

Political Reputational Risk: No Impact

Economic/Financial Sustainability / Security & Equipment: No Impact

Social Impact / Safety of Staff & Clients: No Impact

Technological / Business or Service Interruption: No Impact

Environmental: No Impact

Legal / Statutory Obligations: Positive

This report fulfils Dundee City Council's legal biodiversity duty under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004.

Organisational / Staffing & Competence: No Impact

Corporate Risk Implications & Mitigation:

The risk implications associated with the subject matter of this report are "business as normal" risks and any increase to the level of risk to the Council is minimal. This is due either to the risk being inherently low or as a result of the risk being transferred in full or in part to another party on a fair and equitable basis. The subject matter is routine and has happened many times before without significant impact.

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