

**Biodiversity Action Plan Programme 2018/19**

Aims	Objectives	Progress towards achieving objective	Next steps	Estimated/Actual Date of Completion	Press release?	Linked target	Lead
<b>Strategic Objectives</b>							
<b>Encourage Participation and Raise Awareness of Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Across Leicester</b>	To provide a 5-yr review of 2011-2021 BAP with updates on habitat and species action plans. Provide evidence base and inform on actions	Agreement reached on format of action and species plans. Individual plans circulated internally for comments	Collate comments and amalgamate plans into Plan. Internal consultation before final draft and seek advice on endorsement/adoption by CM	<b>Estimated August 2018</b>	Yes to launch new BAP CARRY OVER		HOB
	To promote biodiversity in Leicester through a public-facing document – “Making Wildlife Count”	Making Wildlife Count 2017/18 completed  Promote partnership working with LRWT, UoL, TCV and others to deliver Biodiversity Projects	Distribution – to Community Centres, Libraries, Visit Leicester, Parks and at Events  Collate information on completed projects for inclusion in forth-coming document	<b>Completed January 2018</b>  <b>2018/19 document estimated November 2018</b>	Placed on Comms tracker		RK/NCO
	Partnership working, local events and websites	LCC Website updated, Events within Making Wildlife Count report to be organised with assistance from partners TCV, LRWT	Promoting Biodiversity webpage updated with Events and opportunities to participate  Making Wildlife Count Year Planner to be published on LCC website and a series of events promoted as detailed below. Review to be done when NCO in post	<b>On-going</b>	Yes, regular press release by LCC		HOB/NCO
	Organise Bioblitz Event at Belgrave Hall Gardens and St Peters Churchyard 17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	BioBlitz Event held in partnership with Parks, TCV and other specialists	Continue to promote prior and take bookings via Event Brite up to day of event	<b>To be held 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>	Yes - pre and post event - Leic Mercury, social media etc	Sustainability Action Plan 18.5	HOB/NCO
	Involve 50 children from local schools in the wildlife event	120 children from Mellor and St Peters Primary Schools attending BioBlitz event	Continue to work closely with EcoSchools and Education Co-ordinator to encourage wildlife projects in schools (no specific target but part of UB Project targets)	<b>To be held 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>	Yes - prior to event, during and post	Sustainability Action Plan 18.5	HOB/NCO
	Update Promotion material to include Biodiversity Green Networks, Wild About Leicester and Making Wildlife Count Projects	Draft pop-up posters and displays for Projects HOB – GI Networks	NCO to draft material when recruited to post	<b>Estimate August 2018</b>			NCO
	Promote Wild About Leicester programme of work by recruiting and training Biodiversity Champion volunteers	Annual monitoring programme set up at Aylestone Meadows to monitor grasslands with LRWT Snr NCO set up 10 x days to monitor Bee Road Project areas, Ellis Meadows, Western Park, Castle Hill CP, Bennion Pools and Ocean Rd Open Space Specialists to deliver training to volunteers – agreement with Naturespot,	Priority sites for monitoring to be confirmed based on planned Project work Agree target number of Biodiversity Champions <b>To be agreed and led by NCO when in post</b>  2 x specialist training days to be delivered via Urban Buzz project	<b>Annual Monitoring Programme to commence May 2018</b>  <b>Jul and August 2018</b>	Yes pre and post event, posters		HOB/NCO /UBO

	Organise 5 Walk on the Wildside sessions with Walking to Health	Link opportunities of walking in natural POS to health and promote through both Planning and Transportation	NCO agreed 11 walks in POS Jan – Dec in partnership with Walking for Health on main parks and riverside. Led by specialists and UBO. On-going promotion by Snr NCO and Health & Well-being until NCO in post	<b>Jan – Dec 2018</b>			RK/UBO
<b>Identify and advise on opportunities to incorporate biodiversity and improve ecological networks using strategic GI principles through Planning and Policy</b>	Incorporate GI mapping into centralised City mapping database for use across Council departments. Identify 6 sites with potential to declare as LNRs	Commenced mapping of GI layer on City Maps for use across Council and transfer onto Aurora mapping system. Small and medium OS evaluated,. Potential LNRs put on GI Layer	Continue works with IT to put GI network layer onto Aurora. Deliver presentation across services via In-Depth briefing	<b>August 2018</b>		Sustainability Action Plan	HOB
	Provide opportunities for biodiversity through planning in major development schemes	Advise on Phase 2 Ashton Green and delivery of GI first phase on Ashton Green, A46 road network scheme, St Marys Allotments, Pioneer Park, Waterside, Franklyn Fields, Scraftoft	Next Phases of major development support with ecological advise continuing when necessary	<b>On-going</b>			HOB
	Identify GI Projects associated with LLEP funding along Soar and GUC water corridor	Priority sites are Pioneer Park/Abbey Pumping Station, Swans Nest Weir Aylestone Mdws and Loughborough Rd/Beaumanor OS	Work with Economic Regen Team and LLEP Board to formalise plans, costs, Complete pre-commencement surveys and risk assessments. See below for Project delivery	<b>On-going with bi-monthly reports directly to LLEP Board</b>	Yes - put on tracker	CMS 19/20 BAP	HOB/CT
<b>Maintain a database to record species data and status of designated sites to help inform on constraints, opportunities and priorities for biodiversity and improving the ecological network</b>	National recording and network - survey and monitor existing LWS to determine condition and advise on appropriate management	Visit sites throughout the year, complete reports, provide advice to improve mgt where necessary	Collate data and statistics, produce statement to Env Team, presented findings to November 2017	<b>Completed November 2017</b>		Single data-set ISO40001	HOB
	Increase the number of designated LWS by 10% by 2018/19. Total number = 50 sites	Identify potential sites from mapped database and link to blue-green mapping and site assessments. Survey 1-2 annually	Candidate LWS that meet criteria to be added to database – Hamilton Ponds, Birstall GC to be designated	<b>Estimate September 2018</b>		Sustainability Action Plan 14.1 ISO 40001	HOB
	Designate 35 council-managed mature/veteran trees per yr as LWS and manage them to prolong their life and nature conservation value	23 trees surveyed and meet LWS criteria for designation to March 2018	Target of 35 trees to be designated in 2018/19. <b>To be reviewed and led by NCO when in post</b>	<b>March 2019</b>		Sustainability Action Plan 14.5	RK/NCO
	Collate species records and maintain database	QC check and verified. On-going, update database from sources (planning and public)	Continue with data exchange agreement and send records to LRERC annually. Database currently maintained by Snr NCO until NCO post recruited to	<b>On-going</b>			HOB

**Create, conserve or enhance Priority Habitats to increase biodiversity value**

<b>Trees &amp; Woodlands</b>	Conserve varieties of old orchard fruits and diversify existing orchards sites	Orchard to be created in nature community area at St Marys site as part of compensation for loss	Agreements to be made with developers, Parks, TCV with Friends Group	<b>Estimate autumn/winter2017 Carried over to autumn/winter 2018</b>	Yes – put on tracker		HOB
		Plant orchard trees at The Old Orchards, Aylestone	Parks briefed on project and maintenance programme agreed. NCO to advise on project delivery when in post	<b>Estimate autumn/winter 2017 Carried over to autumn/winter 2018</b>	Yes – put on tracker	CMS 19/20 BAP	NCO
		Plant orchard trees at Tip top Meadow, Aylestone Meadows LNR	Partnership to agree works for delivery by IYN Group (AMAS) with UBO	<b>Completed Winter 2017/18</b>	Yes – put on tracker		UBO
		Tree compensation planting at CHCP to mitigate/compensate for A46 road scheme	Liaise with Country Highways, T&W, Parks and Economic Regen to deliver suitable compensation within CHCP	<b>Estimate Autumn/Winter 2018</b>			T&W/Geoff Mee
<b>Wetland (Rivers, Streams, Ponds)</b>	Wetlands and ponds to be created to increase biodiversity value of sites along River Soar and wider catchment areas associated with Flood storage	Wetland creation at Loughborough Rd (Phase 3) with EA/LCC depts. Input into NEAS Project list, Input into Riverside Strategy	Planning approval and first stage of construction of culvert and cycle access in Summer 2017. Gi Wetland completed. Attend regular meeting and advise re Riverside Strategy and links to GI	<b>Estimate Autumn/Winter 2018/19</b>	Yes - put on tracker	CMS 19/20 BAP	HOB/PT
	Mitigate against vegetation flood control works through biodiversity improvements along banks of River Soar/GUC	Agree with EA on areas to plant coir rolls along banks to mitigate and compensate for habitat losses at Bede Park and St Augustines Rd	EA to tender contract, obtain consents and deliver scheme. LCC to support and maintain.	<b>EA still to confirm CARRIED OVER</b>	Yes - put on tracker	CMS 19/20 BAP	HOB
	Improve conservation status of ponds and wetlands in Parks & OS	Agree priority programme of work with Parks at 6 ponds per year as part of Puddle Ducks	Works completed with volunteers over autumn/winter 2017 and scheduled in with Park Force Programme for 2018/19 tba when NCO in post	<b>COMPLETE March 2018</b>		CMS 19/20 BAP	RK/NCO
		Complete projects with Froglife and Parks at Castle Hill CP awarded funding through Tesco Carrier Bags	Publicity campaign to maximise funding received for Project. Froglife and LCC to deliver improvements to ponds using volunteers and local residents	<b>COMPLETE March 2018</b>	Yes – put on tracker and media release – various throughout Project	CMS 19/20 BAP	Parks/HOB
		Improve wetland habitat at Braunstone Park Lakes awarded funding through Tesco Carrier Bags	2 x Conservation Days held in August and October. Habitat creation completed Sept/October by Parks	<b>COMPLETE Autumn 2017</b>	Yes – put on tracker and media release – various throughout Project	CMS 19/20 BAP	HOB/Park
	Improve species diversity and conservation value of grasslands	Grazing review. New tenancies implemented from Apr 2017 but still non-compliance. Additional resources for monitoring and enforcement needed	TCV to submit bid to secure funding for delivery of Grazing project – deliver with LCC-NCO – possible HLF. Still work in progress following change of mgt at TCV. <b>Briefing paper to be presented when agreed</b>	<b>Estimate August 2018</b>	Yes – put on tracker	CMS 19/20 BAP	HOB/Property

		Advise and agree new conservation works required on sites previously managed by TCV and now under new mgt regime of LEVs	Site status and priorities collated and agreed with Parks. LEV programme of works agreed. Sites to be monitored by Nat Con team to assess improving status <b>On-going advice by Snr NCO until NCO in post</b>	<b>Programme agreed November 2017</b>			HOB
	Increase the number of wildflower sites in Leicester to attract pollinating insects	Identify and deliver 7 key target areas with UBO on public and/or private land. Areas now identified and agreed with Parks	Work commenced on site Oct 2017 – priority sites are Western Park, Bennion Pools, CHCP, Ocean Rd OS, Aylestone Mdws LNR	<b>COMPLETE</b> Autumn/Winter 2017		CMS 19/20 BAP	UBO
	Improve roadside verge management to create wildflower areas and enhance wildlife connectivity – BEE ROAD PROJECT	Agreed priority areas with Parks to link in with green network. - Works commenced Oct 2017 – Goodwood Ave, Saffron Lane, New Parks with delivery by UBO and Parks	Agreed preparation and seeing of 10 roundabout and road verge sites as part of Bee Road Project	<b>COMPLETE</b> Autumn/Winter 2017	Yes – put on tracker - Parks	CMS 19/20 BAP	UBO
	Biodiversity improvements to SuDs/grassland at Gipsy Lane Claypit SSSI and SuDs	Detail of plans and design to complete, consents and agreements obtained. This now forms part of Wild About Leicester Project	SuD areas and wetlands created, volunteer days to be completed with LEV, additional tree planting with landscape works. Works to be completed when NCO in post	<b>Carried over to Autumn/Winter 2018</b>	Yes - put on tracker	CMS 19/20 BAP	RK
<b>Meadows and Open Space</b>	Re-align grazing fields layout at Pebble Beach to bring fields back into proper rotation	TCV completed vegetation clearance. Estimates obtained for fencing works	Agree with tenant and Property services, public consultation, deliver via LLEP as part of wider flood storage works at Aylestone Meadows.	<b>Spring/Summer 2018</b>		CMS 19/20 BAP	HOB
<b>Hedgerows</b>	Conserve, manage or create hedgerows to improve connectivity and dispersal for wildlife	New hedgerow planting at Water mead CP planned as compensation/mitigation	Hedgerow to be planted autumn/winter. Awaiting Parks confirmation	<b>Autumn/Winter 2018</b>			Parks
		New hedgerow planting at Evington Arboretum as compensation/mitigation for loss	Hedgerow to be planted autumn/winter. Awaiting Parks confirmation	<b>Autumn/Winter 2018</b>			Parks
		New hedgerow planting at CHCP as compensation/mitigation for A46 road scheme	Hedgerow to be planted autumn/winter.	<b>Autumn/Winter 2018</b>			Parks/Geoff Mee
<b>Conserve Priority Species in Leicester by ensuring compliance with wildlife legislation and guidance and working with landowners and developers</b>	Prepare Species Action Plans for Priority Species associated with urban habitats in Leicester	Prepare Peregrine falcon, Black Redstart and Swift/Swallow/House Martin Species Action Plans	Swift/Swallow House Martin Action Plan complete. Swift Project Group formed and	<b>Estimated October 2018</b>	Linked to BAP launch - not specific		HOB
	Provide opportunities for nesting sites around the City	Work with partners to identify suitable nesting sites to support sand martin colony on banks of Soar	Planning and flood Consent Application submitted by LROS in May 2017. Awaiting further approval from structural engineer	<b>Works delayed Estimated October 2018</b>	Yes - put on tracker		LROS/HOB
		LCC partner in Swift Partnership Project. Delivered Conservation Workshop, Produced a Planning Advice Leaflet and Public Leaflet	Link into Swift Awareness Week in June. Public awareness conservation day planned for June with LROS. Work to be taken on by NCO when in post	<b>Workshop delivered Mar 2018</b> <b>On-going June 2018</b>	Yes - put on tracker		LROS/HOB

	Co-ordinate Peregrine Project with LROS to raise awareness and conserve species	Monthly programme of watch points at Cathedral by LROS. Webcam operational Webpage set up	Monitoring of Peregrines and links to webpage updated via LROS and LCC . Chicks recently hatched	<b>On-going</b>	Yes - put on tracker - Regular press releases and chicks recently hatched	LROS/RK
	Develop strategy for Bees and other Pollinating Insects	Liaise with Parks and Buglife to develop action plan	Draft plan and consult with statutory organisations and specialists. Publish as part of Leicester BAP	<b>Estimated October 2018</b>	Yes - put on tracker	UBO
	Control invasive species through programme of work to limit spread	Conservation day organised with EA, C&RT and LCC to control Floating Pennywort. AMAS mapping of Pennywort and Balsam	Mapping to be completed by Biodiversity Champion volunteers. Attend workshop with main partners to agree and co-ordinate programme of work for 2018	<b>Delayed due to major staff changes in Biodiversity team at EA January 2018</b>		NCO