

<b>Objective 1 Embed biodiversity throughout decision making at all levels</b>							
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Service Area(s)</b>	<b>Times cale</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Also cited in</b>	<b>How to measure progress</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>(red, amber, green)</b>
Ensure Plans and Strategies embed biodiversity and support nature recovery	Planning Policy, Green Infrastructure, Landlord services, Sustainable Food, Flooding	2024	Part, Core	RLDP, GI Strategy, Asset Management Strategy, Food Strategy	Policies and guidance in place		
Continue to identify services & operations that have potential to deliver a net benefit for biodiversity	Highways, Landlord Services, Procurement, Green Infrastructure	2024	Full, Core, Local Places for Nature Revenue	Carbon Emissions Plan	Audits undertaken and further actions identified, More procurement considers climate & nature		
Ensure consents, decisions and permissions deliver maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem resilience	Planning Policy, Development Management, Highways, Flooding, Licensing.	2024	Full, Core	RLDP, Asset Management Strategy	More schemes delivering meaningful biodiversity benefits		
<b>Objective 2 Provide nature-based opportunities to raise awareness, support health and well-being and encourage action for nature</b>							
Continue to deliver nature-based opportunities to raise awareness, support health and well-being including food, and encourage action for nature through the Gwent Green Grid and other projects, utilising the resources of flagship sites such as the One Planet Centre. Seeking alternative	Green Infrastructure, Grounds and Cleansing, Leisure Services, Development and Heritage, Attractions, Sustainable Food, Outdoor Education	Ongoing	Full, Core, Nature Networks, SPF, Food Partnership	Food Strategy, GI Strategy	Grant relevant Key Performance Indicators		

funding mechanisms e.g. Green Finance to ensure sustainability.							
Provide corporate nature training through an eLearn module. Continue with a programme of training for site managers, operatives & development management officers	Green Infrastructure, Grounds and Cleansing, Leisure Services, Development and Heritage, Attractions, Sustainable Food, Outdoor Education, Highways, Flooding, Development Management,	2024	Full, SPF/Local Places for Nature	-	Completion of eLearning module.  Number of officers completed training.		
Deliver Nature & Climate awareness raising to the wider public via a comms campaign and through targeted groups	Green Infrastructure, Communications, Grounds and Cleansing, Development and Heritage Attractions	Ongoing	Core, Local Places for Nature	-	TBC		
<b>Objective 3 Undertake land management for biodiversity and promote ecosystem resilience</b>							
Action	Responsible Service Area(s)	Timescale	Funding	Also cited in	How to measure progress	Progress	(red, amber, green)
Develop the management of green infrastructure to improve climate & ecosystem resilience Continue to deliver green infrastructure improvements and changes to management practices through the Gwent Green Grid Partnership including	Grounds and Cleansing, Countryside Access, Development and Heritage Attractions, MonLife Attractions	Ongoing	Part, Local Places for Nature, Brilliant Basics, Nature Networks, SPF	-	Grant relevant Key Performance Indicators  Nature Isn't Neat Management Maintained at 38Ha		

maintaining 38Ha of Nature isn't Neat management.							
Develop Green Infrastructure Management Plans and Management Strategies for sites including River Gavenny, Mill Common, River Neddern, Nant y Castell Country Park, Breezy Bank	MonLife Attractions, Green Infrastructure, Countryside Access, Grounds & Cleansing, Flood Risk Management	March 2026	Part, Section 106, Planning Obligation,	-	Plans completed		
Seek TWIG funding for woodland management plans and future woodland management and Secure National Forest Accreditation for priority woodland sites	Green Infrastructure, Landlord services, MonLife Attractions, Countryside Access, Grounds and Cleansing	2024	Part, Nature Networks	-	Funding secured.  Number of MCC sites with National Forest Accreditation.		
<b>Objective 4 Influence land management to improve ecosystem resilience</b>							
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Promote and, as opportunities arise, use our county farms as exemplars for nature friendly, sustainable, and regenerative agriculture	Sustainable Food, Landlord Services, Flood Risk Management	Ongoing	Part, Food Partnership	Asset Management Strategy, Food Strategy	Number of Exemplar sites		
Promote sustainable land management and agricultural practices,	Flood Risk Management, Sustainable Food	Ongoing	Part, Food Partnership	-	TBC		

including nutrient/soil management and natural flood management							
Continue to work with the expert panel to identify sites that meet the Local Wildlife Sites / Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation criteria.	Green Infrastructure	Ongoing	Full, Core	-	Number of Local Wildlife Sites / Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation		
Signpost Town and Community Councils and businesses to support, advice and information to help them to contribute to Nature Recovery	Enterprise and Community Animation, Destination Management, Green Infrastructure, Grounds and Cleansing	Ongoing	Part, Core	-	Number of Community Councils engaged  Number of businesses engaged.		
<b>Objective 5 Tackle key pressures on species and habitats</b>							
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Continue to develop the Nature Recovery Action Plan and support and encourage delivery	Green Infrastructure	Ongoing	Part, Local Places for Nature	-	NRAP published.		
Continue to identify and promote new Green Infrastructure projects through the Green Infrastructure Strategy	Green Infrastructure, Grounds and Cleansing, Sustainable Food, Flood Risk Management	Ongoing	Part, Nature Networks, SPF, Local Places for Nature	-	No of green infrastructure projects delivered.		
Develop a Dark skies policy and explore a street lighting charter which	Street Lighting, Green Infrastructure, Planning Policy and Development Management	Ongoing	Part, Local Places for Nature	RLDP	Policy and charter formulated.		

consider reducing and limiting impacts on nature							
Delivery of Net Benefit for biodiversity through Active Travel and other sustainable travel infrastructure projects	Active Travel, Countryside Access, Green Infrastructure	Ongoing	Full, Active Travel Fund	-	TBC		
Work in partnership to plant more trees, increase area of woodland, improve woodland management, and retain and protect existing woodland and trees	Green Infrastructure, Grounds and Cleansing, Countryside Access	Ongoing	Part, Nature Networks, SPF, Section 106	-	TBC		

**Objective 6 Support landscape scale projects and partnerships to maximise delivery**

Action	Responsible Service Area(s)	Timescale	Funding	Also cited in	How to measure progress	Progress	(red, amber, green)
Continue to lead on the Gwent Green Grid through Nature Networks and SPF funding	Green Infrastructure	Ongoing	Nature Networks, SPF	-	Continued leadership of GGG		
Continue to support landscape scale partnerships including Living Levels Landscape Partnership, Usk & Wye Catchment Partnerships	Elected Members, Green Infrastructure	Ongoing	Full, Core	-	Continued involvement with partnership		

Continue to work on the coast and the wider estuary through Coastal Capacity, ASERA, Severn Estuary Partnership and Severn Estuary Coastal Group.	Elected Members, Chief officer Communities and Place, Green Infrastructure, Sustainability, Planning, Placemaking and Flooding	Ongoing	Full, Core	-	Continued involvement with partnerships		
Continue to host and maintain the Monmouthshire Local Nature Partnership	Green Infrastructure	Ongoing	Part, Local Places for Nature	Nature Recovery Action Plan	Continued hosting of Local Nature Partnership		
<b>Objective 7 Use improved evidence, understanding and monitoring to inform action</b>							
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Continue to monitor grassland diversity and pollinators (through POMS) to provide evidence to our Nature isn't Neat management	Green Infrastructure, Grounds and Cleansing	Ongoing	Full, Nature Networks, Core	-	TBC		
Continue to secure the Service Level Agreement with the South East Wales Biodiversity Record Centre (SEWBRc)	Planning Policy and Development Management	Ongoing	Full, Core	-	Continuation of SLA.		
Development of Nature Networks Mapping and continue to work with NRW to develop Resilient	Planning Policy and Development Management, Green Infrastructure	Ongoing	Part, Nature Networks	-	Nature Networks and Resilient Ecological Networks complete.		

Ecological Networks, using this information to identify opportunities for Net Benefit for Biodiversity through Development							
Seek funding to explore opportunities / methods for monitoring carbon and water storage on Council land and in Green Infrastructure assets	Green Infrastructure, Grounds and Cleansing, Landlord Services	TBC	No	-	TBC		
<b>Objective 8 Monitor the effectiveness of the plan and review</b>							
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Review the plan in 2025 in line with the Section 6 reporting requirement	Green Infrastructure	2025	Full, Core	-	Plan Reviewed.		
Assess the need to review the forward plan in 2026	Green Infrastructure	2026	Full, Core		Assessment undertaken.		