

# PWYLLGOR CRAFFU DIOGELU'R CYHOEDD A'R AMGYLCHEDD

29<sup>AIN</sup> MEHEFIN 2018

## Y DIWEDDARAF AM Y CYNNYDD A WNAED WRTH GYFLWYNO BLAEN- GYNLLUN DEDDF YR AMGYLCHEDD CYNGOR SIR CAERFYRDDIN

### Ystyried y materion canlynol a chyflwyno sylwadau arnynt:

Bod y Pwyllgor yn nodi'r cynnydd a wnaed wrth gyflwyno Blaen-gynllun Deddf yr Amgylchedd 2017 y Cyngor.

### Rhesymau:

- Rhoi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf i'r Pwyllgor am y cynnydd a wnaed wrth gyflwyno Blaen-gynllun Deddf yr Amgylchedd Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin a gyhoeddwyd ym mis Mawrth 2017.
- Yn ogystal â chyhoeddi Blaen-gynllun Deddf yr Amgylchedd, yn 2019 bydd yn ofynnol i gyrrff cyhoeddus adrodd ar y modd y maent wedi cyflawni'r Ddyletswydd Bioamrywiaeth a Chydnherthedd Ecosystemau.

I'w gyfeirio at y Bwrdd Gweithredol er mwyn penderfynu arno: NA

### Yr Aelod o'r Bwrdd Gweithredol sy'n gyfrifol am y portffolio:

Y Cyngorydd Hazel Evans (Yr Amgylchedd)

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018

#### UPDATE ON PROGRESS IN DELIVERING CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENT ACT FORWARD PLAN

In addition to publishing an Environment Act Forward Plan, in 2019 public bodies are required to report on how they have met the Biodiversity and Resilient Ecosystem Duty. To assist in the 2019 reporting that will be required by Welsh Government, it is advised that the Council review its progress in delivering its Environment Act Forward Plan each year. The intention in the legislation is that the duty to forward plan will ensure that biodiversity is considered at the decision making level, that it becomes embedded into the Council's ways of working, and the reporting duty will make public authorities more responsible for showing how their actions have helped enhance biodiversity and ecosystems.

This detailed report on progress delivering the 35 actions set out in the Council's Environment Act Forward Plan 2017 should be read with the understanding that while the PIMS actions it contains were all circulated to the relevant Heads of Service (HoS) when they were drafted, the HoS did not necessarily see the first PIMS reporting round. As a result some of the actions were not reported on in the March 2018 PIMS reporting round, although progress in their delivery had nonetheless been achieved. This is now being addressed.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**YES**

## IMPLICATIONS:

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: **Llinos Quelch** Head of Planning

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	NONE	YES	NONE	YES

### 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The plan is consistent with the Council's Community Strategy, and its Corporate Strategy, as it sets out how the Council will demonstrate, through its actions, that it is maintaining and enhancing the natural environment.

The Biodiversity Duty set out in the Environment Act is consistent with Sustainable Development. The Act states that the Councils has a duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote ecosystem resilience where it is within the proper exercise of its functions.

### 2. Legal

The preparation of an Environment Act Forward Plan is a requirement placed on public bodies by the Part 1 Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. The Council's Environment Act Forward Plan must be submitted to the Welsh Government by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

### 3. Finance

At this stage the financial implications of delivering the goals set out within the plan have not been calculated as the details of each action remains to be considered.

### 4. ICT

None

### 5. Risk Management

Failing to publish the Forward Plan would result in the authority being non-compliant with the duty placed on public bodies by the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

### 6. Staffing Implications

None, however, the commitments of staff time in the Forward Plan are expected to be met within existing workloads.

### 7. Physical Assets

As a result of implementing goals set out in the Forward Plan there may well be implications for the way in which some Council owned properties are managed, in that greater emphasis may be placed on management that will maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote ecosystem resilience.

## CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed:                      Llinos Quelch                      Title Head of Planning

1. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Councils – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – N/A
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

**THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Environment Act Forward Work Plan:- Minutes and Reports for EB held on 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 [Agenda Item 10]		<a href="http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&amp;MId=698&amp;Ver=4">http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&amp;MId=698&amp;Ver=4</a>
Environment (Wales) Act 2016  Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty		<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2016/3/contents/enacted">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2016/3/contents/enacted</a>  <a href="http://gov.wales/docs/desh/publications/160321-biodiversity-and-resilience-of-ecosystems-duty-en.pdf">http://gov.wales/docs/desh/publications/160321-biodiversity-and-resilience-of-ecosystems-duty-en.pdf</a>