2019/20 Biodiversity Duty: Action spreadsheet	main contact	on-going or project	started	progress 2017/18	progress 2018/19	progress 2019/20	comments	completed
1. Public engagement with b	iodiversity in	RCT						
1.1 LBAP partnership 1.2 Recorders' Newsletter	Richard Wistow	on-going on-going	1997	meetings held in April, July and Sept 2017 and Jan 2018 Recorders' Newsletter no 37b published	commenced Jan 19	meetings held April, July, planned for Oct 3rd. Slow progress with LBAP review due to delay in WG funding. summary for 2018 produced and distributed Sept 19	timetable for the review of the LBAP considered at J19 meeting, progress report to Ap and Jul19, engagement events summer 19.	
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1.3 council sites and community groups 2. Biodiversity and the Plann	Liz Dean/ Richard Wistow	on going		Welcome to our Woods meetings and supporting action, SEWBRC bio-blitz at Maerdy Colliery in July. Use of Key Countryside sites by various groups including Coed Lleol	Welcome to our Woods meetings and supporting action, liasion with Wildlife Trust re community engagement at	Pontyclun wildflower walk, Beddau Biodiversity Ramble, Aberdare Park moth and bat events, Dare Valley Country Park bird and student events, monthly summer childrens events at Dare Valley and Ynysangharad Park (Magnificent minibeasts, muddy masterpieces, beautiful butterflies, den building)	As part of partnership working in 2019/20 further discussions held with the Wildlife trust for South and West Wales to explore potential community engagement work on RCT 'Countryside' sites. The hope is to try to develop a initial programme for work on pilot sites in 2020/21	
2. Biodiversity and the Plann	ing System							
2.1 implement current policy and guidance	Richard Wistow	on-going		An ecological review has been undertaken for at least 1184 planning applications received by the Local Planning Authority, including the review of SewBrec data searches	for at least 724 planning applications received by the Local Planning authority, including the review of SewBrec data searches	Up to September 2019 an ecological review has been undertaken for at least 396 planning applications received by the local planning authority, including the review of SEWBREC data searches PPW10 includes reference (6.2.12). Using	The description of ecological review covers the full range of ecological scrutiny practised in the planning process. This begins with initial shifting and consideration of ecological potential for the huge majority of planning applications, through to those sites requiring site visits, scoping of required ecological assessments, review and scrutiny of submitted ecological assessments to mitigation development and ultimately ecological recommendations in accordance with adopted planning policy.	
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2.10 Green Infrastructure Assessment	Hewitt	on going	2019		requirement for GI assessment	team	DOTE
Ensure new statutory nature							RCT Ecologist is the most
conservation designations are mapped							likely consultee that NRW will
onto Corporate GIS systems -							contact when new SSSI are
2.11 responsible body ITC	Michael Brutsch	project	2019			SSSI layer updated 30/04/19	designated.
3. Biodiversity and land /esta	te manageme	nt					
			I	First full season of cutting using new 'Cut	Expanded programe of mainly		
			I	and Collect machine' primarily focused on	autumn/winter conservation grass verge		
	John Spanswick/		I	pilot site netowrk in Taff Ely area, with	and open space management using 'cut		
	Steve			smaller number of Cynon Valley sites.	and colect' machine. Extended programme	Numerous meetings and training sessions	Re-organisation of service
	Owen/Gareth			Production of commissioned grass verge	of sites in the Cynon Valley and new sites	with Streetcare, following the transfer of	provision has seen the 'Cut
	Henson/Richard			invertebrate survey report by Liam Olds	in the Rhondda. Discussions with	grasscutting. Visits, lists and mapping of	and Collect' machine
	Wistow/Marie			assessing a sample of RCT conservation	Cemeteries department regarding	aditional sites in Cynon, Rhondda and Taf	operation moved to the
3.1 cut and collect	Fowler	on-going	2016	verges.	extension of works to new cemetery sites.	for 2020. Grassland notices for Cemeteries.	Streetcare Department.
Transfer of management works from Parks and Countryside section to Streetcare to identify biodiversity training/information provision (as raised in 2017SSE), in particular with regard to the Wildlife Law aspects, such as protocols for nesting birds, sensitive areas (e.g. dormouse priority areas, SSSI) etc.	Richard Wistow/ Nigel Wheeler	project	2018		meeting requested email of 26/06/18, 15min slot at senior management meeting in 27/09/18, 4 SSE covered (fleet, waste/streetcare, highways, transportation). Meeting with Steve Owen 23/10/18, tool box talks for supervisors.	meetings with team leaders held, site signs, notices etc. supplied, social media proposal for 2020 season in preparation.	grass verge management transferred from Parks to Streetcare in April 2018. Parks supervisors transfered from April 2019.
					on-going working between Corpporate		
					estates and Countryside section, with		
					ecological advice provided as opportunities		
					arise. This led in 2018/19 to Corporate		
O to Fototo Boundary of Police 191					estates successfully identifying a new		
Corporate Estates Department liaise with						ecological advisory role continued as	
Council's Countryside section regarding					conservation grazing area at Cwm Fields,		
occasional third party requests for	Diele end Mister /					opportunities and issues arise, including	
	Richard Wistow/	.	20:-			advice on potential grazing opportunities	
3.3 licences on Council owned land	Richard Skinner	on-going	2017			for 'rented' grazing sites.	
lananasa Knatusad managamart an					321 sites treated, input to Wales wide	Wildlife Trust great hid consumed. Court	
Japanese Knotweed management on	Davi Faliriana			200 oites tranted		Wildlife Trust grant bid approved. Council	
3.4 Council land	Ray Edwards	on going		266 sites treated	funding from 2019.	treatment data available end of April 2020	
2.5 Chy Tipping control/servers	Nigel Wheeler/			2724 fl. ±:	2450 flating against	data available and af A. V. 2020	
3.5 Fly Tipping control/removal	Tim Jones	on going		3731 flytips removed	3150 flytips removed	data available end of April 2020	
Corporate estates department liaise with Council's Countryside section regarding biodiversity implications of land disposal, and building refurbishments, demolitions 3.6 and new developments	various	an gair-		on going advicent role as issues arise		adhoc advice given for example Cwmbach	
σ.c and new developments	various	on going		on-going advisory role as issues arise.	on-going advisory role as issues arise.	school roof collapse and bat issues	

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3.7		-	on going 2013	As part of Healthy Hillsides partnership project 4 RCT owned sites put forward for positive fire prevention management. Through partnership funding two of these received initial management. In addition grazing licences let for 4 RCT owned conservation grazing sites.	Healthy Hillsides partnership developed an EnRaW Welsh Government grant bid to bring forward funded management on up to 5 RCT Council owned sites. Continued pilot management on 2 of these sites. Continued RCT Conservation grazing programme, and through planing agreement requirements secured conservation grazing on 2 other sites (Aberdare College and Hirwaun Industrial Estate).	Healthy Hillside EnRaW project successful, although details still in discussion with WG and project success not yet formally announced. 6 RCT conservation grazing sites and an additional planing related grazing scheme started.	Health Hillsides project identified in RCT and Merthyr Community Safety plan as a multiple partnership project delivering best practice for grass fire prevention	
		Liam Swanwick/		observations on 16 ordinary watercourse	observations on 36 ordinary watercourse	observations on 30 ordinary watercourse		
4.1	ordinary water course consents	Richard Wistow	on going 2012	applications	applications	applications (to end Aug).		
4.2	introduction and operation of sustainable drainage (SUDS) regulations	Owen Griffiths	on going 2015	observations made (esp on relationship with planning) to Owen Griffiths in drainage who responded to WG	Sardis House training workshop led by Owen Griffiths and Liam Swanwick on SUDS introduction in Jan 2019. Similar presentation to be given to SLT and to members. Biodiversity a strong feature, Council responsibility for management for the lifetime of the development. SUDs in Council development eg Abercynon Park and Ride	no full applications to end August	see Park Lane School below	
4.3	Park Lane School SUDS	Richard Wistow / Darren Miller / Mark Powell	project 2019			email from RW to Owen Griffiths et al, agreed to marshy grassland approach suitable for 'cut and collect' 04/19, design in progress, draft text for Corporate Performance Report May19. Issues re space for proposed women's football pitches, design currently on hold.	objective to achieve flood risk reduction for the school, utilizing space between Aberdare Park and a redundant pitch. A marshy grassland site, which can be 'cut and collect', provide outdoor education space for the school and contribute to the rhos pasture network for the marsh fritillary butterfly.	
5 1	5. Biodiversity and education	Liz Dean	on going 2014	6 school engagements at Aberdare Park Primary (Aberdare Park), Cilfynydd Primary (Albion tips), Ponty High (Albion tips and school grounds), YGG Llyn y forwen (Darren Park), Ynysboeth (former school grounds) and one INSET day for teachers held in Pontyclun. Additional projects through WG funding at Ponty High and Ferndale comprehensive	delay in WG grant, delay in letting the contract. Inset day held at Dare Valley Country Park in Sept. 6 school engagements undertaken at Alaw primary (Garth Park), Gwaunmeisgyn primary (school grounds), Penygawsi primary (school grounds), Cwmbach Church in Wales primary (Brodeg woodland Cwmbach), oaklands primary, Parc Lane Special School (Aberdare Park). Additional works with Ponty High and Ferhill Comp with WG funding. Funding ceases March 2019. Input to regional bid for outdoor learning funding.	Grant funding ceased. Regional bid for outdoor learning failed. Training meeting and AGM of the RCT and Merthyr Outdoor Learning Group held at Ynysangharad Park Pontypridd, 4th July. Activities led by Rhian Vale, 12 mostly teachers attended. New chair elected (lan Timbrell Cwmbach Community School).	Ambition to continue 'Walk to the Wild' if funding can be identified and to publish the resources generated to date on the website.	Mar-19

6. Biodiversity and advice to	the public							
7. Biodiversity and corporate	.							
7.1 Service Self Evaluation of Biodiversity	Lesley Lawson/ Liz Dean	on going	2017	service self evaluation for biodiversity prepared, issued in Oct 17, responses collated and priority actions for 2018/19 identified	action plan updated, question for autumn 2018 SSE included, best practice note prepared for WG. Input to corporate performance report for 17/18	Action plan updated, Input to corporate performance report for 18/19		
7.2 Biodiversity Duty Plan	Richard Wistow/ Liz Dean	on going	2016	one page information report to CwmTaf PSB mar/apr 17. Draft Biodiversity Duty Plan prepared, presentation to Senior Leadership Team Nov 17, Scrutiny Committee report in Dec 17	meeting with Alan Netherwood July 18, action plan updated	Action plan updated, report to scrutiny 10th Oct and Cabinet 21st Nov to allow submission to Welsh Government by December 2019.	legal duty to report to WG in Dec 19	
Procurement Services continue to address biodiversity within its service provision and consider in policy reviews and associated documentation and 7.3 processes.	Liz Dean/ Steve Vaughan		2018		initial contact re ethical procurement policy. Policy under review,	Through consultation with relevant service areas and suppliers, the Council's Procurement Service is in the process of implementing a robust approach to the reduction of single use plastics. The approach adopted to date, aligns itself with the 'Plastics Recycling Route Map' for Wales.		
8. Working with neighbouring	g authorities a	nd other s	tatutory	bodies				
8.1 input to area statements	Liz Dean / Richard Wistow		2017	initial expression of interest completed and circulated to other Council staff	attended workshop at WBP conference 09/18, NRW presentation to RCT LBAP meeting in Jan 19, NRW ecosystem meeting on 21 feb 19	attended workshop on 8 May, submitted paperwork. Submission re data gaps (natural regeneration of woodland, soil carbon). Agreed to participate in Audit Commission review of AS process.		
	Richard Wistow/				Industrial Estate, Bridgend Green Spaces, KWT community Officers, Groundwork skills development, Ramblers Wales wide, Vale led bridleways. Various bids	Successful bids for Rhos Pasture (Butterfly Conservation), Healthy Hillsides (Wildlife Trust), LNP partnerships (WCVA/WBP), Hirwaun Ind Estate (RCT), KWT, Pollinators and freshwater Invertebrates (Buglife),		
8.2 WG ENRaW grant bids	Liz Dean	project	2018		submitted by 3rd Dec deadline.	bridleways (Vale).		
9. Other								