

Appendix Four: Biodiversity Revenue (as accepted by Welsh Government)

A: .Output requirements

Biodiversity duties output measures	Target 23/25
<p>Working with partners help prioritise and develop a range of projects suitable for funding under the Nature Networks Programme.</p> <p>Target: How many partners supported/ how many projects developed</p>	<p>2+projects</p>
<p>Provide training to LNP coordinators to help understand actions required to deliver 30x30 target at a local level</p> <p>Target: Number of training sessions given to LNP coordinators</p>	<p>?</p> <p>We will give training to the RCTLNP</p>
<p>Refresh local NRAPs to reflect 30x30 target and new global biodiversity framework post COP 15</p> <p>Target: Number of NRAPs refreshed</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>Identify where LNP's could be expanded to include partners not currently engaged especially the private sector</p> <p>Target: Number of additional LNP partners</p>	<p>5+</p>
<p>Promote and disseminate best practice for the undertaking of Section 6. Undertake actions that have encouraged the embedding of good practice. Awareness raising of the challenges to biodiversity and actions to promote ways to reverse the decline.</p> <p>Target: Number of events/activities where LNP has offered advice, held training sessions or advised on any type of biodiversity planning, such as NRAPs.</p>	<p>5+</p>
<p>Each LNP to develop and/or refresh communication plan</p> <p>Target: Comms plan developed/refreshed</p>	<p>1</p>

2. Rhondda Cynon Taf planned works to meet the targets (as approved by Welsh Government)

- *1. Provide training to LNP coordinators to help understand actions required to deliver 30x30 target at a local level.*

The following areas of work will be covered over the two financial years.

Mapping of S106 and other land in biodiversity management or with potential for biodiversity management

Living Landscape project development including potential Local Places for Nature sites, developer sites, Wildlife Trust sites, NRW (SSSI etc. possibly other NRW managed land such as forestry and floodbanks), connections with NRW Area Statement ecological networks, the Review Local Development Plan (see below), events and community engagement

- *2. Refresh local NRAP's to reflect 30x30 target and new global biodiversity framework post COP 15 (note that NRAP will be refreshed next year so will run into following financial year)*

The majority of this work relating to <https://rctlnp.wixsite.com/rct-actionfornature>

will be developed in 24/25, following the completion of the National Nature Recovery Action Plan. Initial consideration via LNP meetings.

- *3. Identify where LNP's could be expanded to include partners not currently engaged especially the private sector*

The following areas of work will be covered over the two financial years.

With **Developers/Private sector** we will investigate possibilities via S106 work (above and below), continue joint dormouse projects with a local consultant and explore a potential contact with private industrial estate manager.

In the **Health sector** we will develop contacts via RCT Green Social Prescribing Network (RCTGSPN)

For **community organisations and social enterprises** we will develop contacts via Keep Wales Tidy, RCTGSPN and the RCT Climate Action Network (which may also include some private sector interests.)

In the **Education Sector** we will take forward our relationship with Pencoed College, exploring the possibilities of longer term (post college) engagement with local students training in the land management industries (including farmers, contractors etc.). We are also developing contacts with the University of South Wales, and are currently exploring joint projects relating to soils and peat.

- *4. Each LNP to develop and/or refresh communication plans*

The following areas of work will be covered over the two financial years.

Proposed developments for the **LNP website**: <https://rctlnp.wixsite.com/rct-actionfornature> include the Welsh translation, social media links and preliminary works relating to COP15

and 30 by 30 (above). For the **Living Landscapes website**, site development, events and community engagement, and social media are planned.

- *5. Promote best practice and implementation of s.6 duty.*

The following areas of work will be covered over the two financial years.

ALGE membership: corporate for graduate and biodiversity officers as well as the Council's ecologist

Grassland management: following up the RCT grazing license 5 year review, with site visits to investigate potential inclusion in Living Landscape project (some may be potential Local Places for Nature sites), following up verge management monitoring and reporting, Lets Talk Wildflowers <https://lets-talk.rctcbc.gov.uk/let-s-talk-wildflowers> etc. and exploring options to embed the learning from the 'Healthy Hillside's' wildfire risk reduction project in Council land management.

SUDS: establishing a new consultation procedure, developing biodiversity guidelines for RCT with drainage colleagues

Internal training: bespoke for specific services, exploring potential for RCT corporate e-learning

Town and Country Planning: Input to the Review Local Development Plan especially regarding the Planning Policy Wales changes implications, the role of the Living Landscape project in the required Green Infrastructure Assessment and the use of S106 agreements.

Responding to requests

Council owned Land Investigating the application of 30 by 30 to the Council's land portfolio