

Appendix 2.

Argyll and Bute Council's Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan

 Indicates completion.

Action	Department	Target	New/ Ongoing	Complete by	Resources	
					Staff	Financial
1.1 Corporate Strategy Ensure that biodiversity continues to be addressed in Argyll and Bute Council's Corporate Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy and Strategy Service (Environment PPG) 	The Biodiversity targets in the Corporate Plan will be monitored by the Local Biodiversity Officer (LBO) and report to the Environmental PPG as necessary	Ongoing	▶	1+ Environment Committee	n/a
1.2 Council Strategies Ensure that the biodiversity is taken into account in all strategies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy and Strategy Service LBO 	Incorporate Biodiversity Targets into Community Planning Partnership Initiatives. (Reference CPP Action Plan for Outstanding Environment) http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/yourcouncil/partnerships/cpphomepage1/3197752/3201225?s=0&a=0	Ongoing	Input by LBO	1	n/a
1.3 National Biodiversity Initiatives Scottish Biodiversity Strategy and Ecosystem Group. Assist National Initiatives in developing biodiversity work of local authorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dev/ Services (DS) 	Represent Argyll and Bute Council on the Farmland and Lowland Ecosystem Group – 4 meetings per year. LBO Changed to SBS INNS working Group	Ongoing	Four meetings annually attended by LBO	1	n/a
1.4 Performance – Local Biodiversity Duty Plan Assist with LBAP review and make links with the Single Outcome Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DS Environment PPG 	Make links with the Single Outcome Agreement and the Local Biodiversity Action Plan	New	End Dec. 2009	1	Partnership funding. 3k A&BC contribution

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2.0 Guidance on Biodiversity and Development Increase awareness and accessibility of information on biodiversity and development to assist planners and developers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DS • LBO 	Prepare Guidance on biodiversity for planners and developers (including quarries)	On Target Draft 2	August 2009	1	
2.1 Maintenance Schemes Ensure that all maintenance schemes (grass cutting areas; borders and beds). Take full account of biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OS 	Ensure up-to-date biodiversity information is available for inclusion in maintenance plans	On target	Ongoing	Maintenance Staff	Savings have been made due to change in cutting regime
2.2 Roadside Verge Biodiversity Action Plan Develop and implement good practice for biodiversity across the Argyll and Bute Council road network.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OS/DS • LBO 	Develop a roadside verge Biodiversity Action Plan	New	October 2009	1	
2.3 Invasive Species Ensure compliance with government guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OS/DS 	Guidance published by GB in conjunction with the Scottish Government Working Group. A&BC CoSLA Representative. Information on website Campaign about to begin	Complete Complete New	May 2008 Ongoing Started	2	
2.4 Community Services Continue to support the Eco – schools initiative on school grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Services (Education) • LBO 	Encourage schools to develop their school grounds in a way that supports biodiversity	Ongoing	Ongoing Started	A number of agencies involved	Grant Aid