

Report to: **Overview and Scrutiny**

Date: **15 February 2022**

Title: **A Plan for West Devon – Natural Environment Thematic Update**

Portfolio Area: **Cllr Lynn Daniel**  
**Lead Member: Natural Environment**

Wards Affected: **All**

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **Y**

Date next steps can be taken:

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### **Recommendations:**

1. That Overview and Scrutiny note the progress against delivery of the Natural Environment Delivery Plan
2. Make any recommendations to the Natural Environment Advisory Group on areas for further exploration.

#### **1. Executive summary**

- 1.1 The Council adopted its long term strategic plan, A Plan for West Devon, in September 2021 alongside a new Performance Management Framework.
- 1.2 The Performance Management Framework sets out how progress on delivering the plan will be monitored. The framework includes a role for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider delivery updates on a theme by theme basis.
- 1.3 This report sets out an update on our priority focus area of Natural Environment.
- 1.4 The progress against the plan has also been considered by the Community Wellbeing Advisory Group at their meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## 2. . Proposed Way Forward

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider the thematic delivery update attached at Appendix A and make any recommendations on the report to the Natural Environment Advisory Group.
- 2.2 After consideration by the committee, it is proposed that the report be published on the web pages for A Plan for West Devon ([www.westdevon.gov.uk/plan-for-west-devon](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/plan-for-west-devon)) as a public record of progress against delivering the actions.

## 3. Implications

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address
Legal/Governance	Y	Transparency in reporting on performance of our strategic priorities is a key aspect of good governance
Financial implications to include reference to value for money	N	The report sets our high level updates on allocation of elements of funding that contribute to our Natural Environment priorities. It doesn't however make any financial recommendations.
Risk	Y	The Appendix to this report considers risks to delivery of our strategic priority actions and is a positive step in enhancing risk profile reporting to our Members.
Supporting Corporate Strategy	Y	This report sets out a progress update for the Natural Environment theme and enables Councillors the opportunity to monitor progress.
Climate Change - Carbon / Biodiversity Impact	Y	Many of the actions within the Natural Environment update directly contribute to our climate change ambitions.
Consultation and Engagement	Y	This report is purposefully written to be clear and understandable by all. Once considered by Overview and Scrutiny, it will be published on our webpage as a record of our progress against this theme.
Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications		
Equality and Diversity		None- this report does not recommend any service or policy changes
Safeguarding		None- this report does not recommend any service or policy changes

Community Safety, Crime and Disorder		None- this report does not recommend any service or policy changes
Health, Safety and Wellbeing		None- this report does not recommend any service or policy changes
Other implications		None- this report does not recommend any service or policy changes

**Supporting Information**

**Appendices:**

Appendix A – Thematic Update: Natural Environment

**Background Papers:**

None

**Approval and clearance of report**

Approved by the Advisory Group 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022