

Action for Nature Delivery Plan														
Responsible Department Codes		Status												
CR	Corporate Resources	Commenced												
ET	Environment & Transport	Planned												
AC	Adults & Communities													
PH	Public Health													
CE	Chief Executives													
Environment Strategy Aims		Environment Strategy Objectives												
G. Have due regard for biodiversity throughout all our activities and seek to improve the biodiversity value of our own land and influence		G1. Improve the Biodiversity value and condition of Natural Capital features on Council managed land												
		G2. The Council will manage its land with nature conservation designations (SSSIs and LWS) to maintain their biodiversity												
		G3. The Council seeks to demonstrate and support environmentally sustainable farming practices on its farms that support the maintenance and enhancement of Biodiversity and the condition of Natural Capital Assets												
		G4. Work with Partners to support wider Biodiversity improvements across Leicestershire												
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CR, ET	G1.1 Maintain sites to management standards that support nature conservation. Such as the implementation of suitable mowing regimes on Urban Highways, Country Parks and Operational sites. Increase areas that are maintained to standards that support nature.	Training and advice, partnership agreements	Land in better management					G1, G2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PH, ET, CR,	G1.2 Monitor and record land in management for wildlife	Database created and monitored	Obtain data from service areas					G1, G2, K3	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
CR, ET	G1.3 During the design of new projects ensure a Net Gain for Biodiversity and where appropriate carbon storage & sequestration.	Project appraisal	Implementation of Policy & procedure					G1, G3, G4	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
CR, ET, PH	G1.4 Work with clients to look at alternative design that can support both nature but also local food production such as in the design of new schools.	Guidance on design	Better Design					G1, L2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PH, CR, ET	G1.5 Work with volunteers and our partners to help us record and manage invasive species and disease.	Database created and monitored	Upto date comprehensive records					G1, G2, G3, G4						
		Targeted action to tackle invasive species and disease	Land in better management											
CE	G1.6 Continue to support The County LRERC and County Ecology Service, County Heritage Environment Records and Archaeology Service	Data collection	Upto date comprehensive records											
CE,ET,CR	G1.7 Work with Natural England on District Level Licensing and enhancement of strategic sites for protected species such as Great Crested Newts	Ponds restored or created Great Crested Newts	Land in better management											
	G2.1 Work with Naturespot and others to help record LWS Species on County Council land.	Data Collection	Species protected					G2, I1	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
		Web communications	Raising Awareness											
	G2.3 Review any Natural England SSSI site assessments and take necessary action to enable implementation of recommendations.	Resource plans	Collaboration, resources secured						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CE, CR, ET	G2.4 Where possible seek additional funding to implement enabling of recommendations.	Grants, agreements	Collaboration, resources secured						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ET,CR	G3.1 In addition to the assessment of farm sites for tree planting, assess planting schemes for ecological impact on existing BAP habitats and protected species.	Reports and Surveys	Better Design					G3, G2, G4						
	G3.2 Work with partners to support	Surveys and Reports	Land in better management					G3, G2, G4	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓

CR, ET	G3.2 Work with partners to support assessment of farm practices and their impact on Biodiversity and other natural capital assets	Grants, agreements	Collaboration, resources secured												
CR, ET	G3.3 Support our tenants to access grant schemes to implement positive changes in practice.	Regular communications, grant writing support	Collaboration, resources secured					G3, G2, G4	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	
CR, ET, CE	G4.1 Working with partners establish an approach to landscape scale Nature Recovery and understand the role that the County Council land can play within this.	Policy Development	Collaboration, resources secured					G4, G2, G3, K3	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	
CR, CE, ET	G4.2 Work with the Local Enterprise Partnership to embed Natural Capital into an Economic Recovery Strategy	Policy Development	Collaboration, resources secured					G4, G2, G3	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	
ET	G4.2 Provide training and Information for Parish Councils and other clients about implementing management practices that benefit Biodiversity.	Training and advice	Land in better management					G4, G2 K3	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	

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	Aim H Support the creation, Protection and enhancement and management of sustainable green infrastructure	H1. The Council will create, protect, enhance and manage sustainable green infrastructure on its estate													
		H2. The Council will support the creation, protection and enhancement and management of sustainable green infrastructure in Leicestershire													

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CR, ET, PH	H1.1 Country Parks, Operational sites, County Farms and others to implement new green infrastructure in the development as part of our tenant farm infrastructure plans, Country Parks management plans and Highways Design.	Database on locations planted and number of trees-Free tree Schemes	Encourage our tenant farmers to plant trees. More trees planted in the landscape off public land.					H1, G3, J2	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓			
		Reports-number of schools, number of trees	Support the Tree Council Orchards in schools project. Wider public engagement.														
		Reports-number of schools, number of trees	Implement the projects to deliver Green Infrastructure Chamwood Living Landscape-orchard project in schools. Increase in woodland habitat.														
		Design Guide	Environment to support the Highways Design Guide Review. Inclusion of Biodiversity measures.														
		Incorporated advice into Landscape Design	Provide Landscape advice to internal departments and developers via consultation. Ensure advice on Species diversity is given.														
ET	H1.2 Work with our partners to seek funding and support to implement enhancements on our Public Rights of Way and Bridleways.	Evidence of engagement-comments provided	Ensure that our PROW team are engaged with the writing of NDP and Local Development Plans.					H1, G3, J2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
ET, CR	H2.1 Work with our partners to support the creation, protection and enhancement of sustainable green infrastructure by providing guidance on Design, working together on partnership projects such as in relation to tree implementation, Shire Environment Grant and	Criteria	Implement Biodiversity Outcomes into the Shire Environment Grant. Community action around biodiversity.					H2, G3, J2, K3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
		Reports, Surveys	Ensure before giving Forestry grants/trees that we also conduct an ecological review of proposed planting sites.														

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	I. Reduce pollution and contamination	I1. The Council reduces polluting emissions and contamination from its operations:													
		I2. The Council reduces pollution and contamination in Leicestershire through its Trading Standards Service and other areas of control and influence.													

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ET, CR		I1.1 Work with our Highways to design in mitigation for reducing pollution from our roads such as implementation of trees and hedges.	Audit design-Checklist	Ensure that our designs are compliant with standards.							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
			Accepted guidance into Highways Design Guide	Undertake the Rees Jeffreys Pilot Project.													
ET, CR		I1.2 With partner agencies support with our County farms to reduce polluting emissions in farm processes and to climate or reduce contamination of land and water courses.	Infrastructure Plans, Farm visits	Farmers engage with Natural England and Rivers Trust to encourage the creation of Infrastructure Plans on County farms.							✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	
ET, CR		I2.1 Work with Trading Standards through the Food Charter to reduce pollution and contamination from farm practices.	Number of farms working to standards	Support our County Farm tenants to work to agreed standards. More farms working to better standards.							✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	
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	J. Conserve and enhance the character, diversity and local distinctiveness of Leicestershire landscapes and towns, and provide opportunities for public access and enjoyment of green spaces	J1.The Council will respect, conserve and enhance the character, heritage and accessibility of the Leicestershire landscape on its estate															
		J2. The Council will work with partners to support action that respects, conserves and enhances the character, heritage and accessibility of the Leicestershire landscape and town.															
					Years												
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ET, CE		J1.1 Work with Leicestershire Heritage and Environment Record to support the development of public understanding about our heritage assets.	Data and interpretation	Understand which assets provide ecological value as well as Landscape and Heritage value, Natural Capital evidence base review.					J1, G4, H1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
			Project Reports produced and Grant claims paid	Deliver the Projects within the Charnwood Landscape Partnership. Improved access, removal of invasive species.							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Reports	Understand evidence about condition of Heritage and give conservation advice to our land managers. Pipeline projects.							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Survey and Reports	Review the role of Parish Heritage Wardens as a support to HER. Coordinate activity with Biodiversity Network.							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ET, CR		Action J2.1 Work with partners to develop projects that can take action to protect, conserve and enhance character, heritage and accessibility of the Leicestershire Landscape and town. Working alongside the River Soar and GU Partnership, Parish Councils, District & Borough Councils and Charnwood Forest Partnership.	Project Reports produced and Grant claims paid, training	Deliver the Projects within the Charnwood Landscape Partnership, improved management of Green Infrastructure.					J2, K3	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	
			Data on Lost Ways-River Soar Lost Ways project set up	Support PROW to map 'Lost Ways along the River Soar'. Protected access.							✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Data, Volunteers participating	Explore technology for capturing data on the condition of Leicestershire hedgerows and Local Wildlife Site /Veteran Trees in the Landscape. More trees recorded, records updated and trees protected through the planning system.							✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Number of meetings, positive feedback partners and contributions to sharing knowledge	Support the Rivers Soar & Grand Union Canal Partnership by organising Network meetings and sharing of information.							✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓

			Technological applications produced and used	Implement new technology to support data collection with volunteers. Improved evidence base.									✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	
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K Support the Leicestershire community in reducing environmental impacts and in enhancing green infrastructure		<i>K1 Ensure that Environmental Impacts are considered, mitigated against and that ways to enhance and utilise the environment are explored for health and well-being benefits through the direct delivery and commissioning of services.</i> <i>K2 Work with Council staff and through our service delivery to encourage active and sustainable lifestyles</i> <i>K3 Capitalise on existing opportunities and services which work with communities to ensure that environmental impacts are understood and considered, and that community capacity is harnessed</i> <i>K4 Provide support and opportunities local communities to ensure that environmental impacts are understood and considered, and that community capacity is harnessed</i>																	
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PH, ET	K1.1 Work with Public Health Commissioning to ensure that opportunities to take action to conserve habitats and biodiversity are an option of choice as part of supporting active lifestyles	Data on commissioned programmes	Review the number of District projects commissioned by Public Health that support the conservation of Nature & Learning about Nature. Community action involving nature.					K1, K3, J1, H2			X								
ET	K1.2 Monitor Shire Environment Grant project participants for the project benefits to Well-being.	Feedback from projects	Evidence base, good practice case studies including benefits for Health & Well-Being.					K1,			X								
CR, ET	K2.1 Work with Country parks to encourage sustainable access to sites through partnership working	Project briefs and contracts let	Investment in Green Infrastructure.					K2, J2, H1			X								
		Baseline map, consultation strategy	Landscape approach to Masterplan.																
ET, CR	K2.2 Work with Country Parks to encourage active volunteering within sites.	Seed gathering project, training for parishes	Link the roadside verge management with activity in the Country Park. Local provenance to seeds and partnership working.					K2, K3, H1, J2			X								
		PR, engagement	Promote the volunteering offer in Country Parks to Parishes and Environmental Groups. Increase of volunteering in Country Parks.																
ET	K2.3 Work with Environmental Action Volunteering to offer opportunities to improve service delivery on our non-parks sites	Sites identified, specifications agreed and volunteers engaged	Identify activities and sites that would benefit from volunteering activities to support better management for wildlife. Sites in better management, outside standard contracts.					K2, K3, H1, J2			X								
ET, CE	K3.1 Environment to work with the Communities, Forestry Highways Departments to offer advice and support networks to local areas such as parishes.	Workshops, published advice	Provide advice and support in structured communications. Regular coordinated communications with parishes. Increase in community action.					K3, K2, J2			X								
ET,CR	K3.2 Establish partnerships with others to support understanding , consideration and capacity building within communities such as work around roadside verge and Country Parks.	Survey and Reports	Work with Leicestershire & Rutland Local Association of Councils to assess capacity to take action on ecological decline. Improve capacity to tackle ecological decline.					K3, G2, H2			X								
		Volunteers engaged-existing and new	Work with Naturespot and other citizen science projects to build capacity to record species. More people recording species and learning about nature. More data into the planning system.																
		Run verge workshops.	Parishes successfully managing verges																
ET	K4.1 For example establishing a 'Biodiversity Network for Parishes', in partnership with others develop and coordinating County wide projects for parish Tree Wardens to deliver.	Establish the Parishes Biodiversity Network.	Successful engagement with parishes-attendance and feedback					K4, K3, J2			X								
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L Work with staff and through our services to encourage active and sustainable lifestyles		L1 Use Councils duties to protect people from harm caused by Climate Change and ensure effective communications L2 Work with partners to understand and address the impact of poor air quality and its relationship with climate change.																	

active and sustainable lifestyles		L3 Work with partners to address issues of climate change and health inequalities													
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ET	L1.1 Work with Flood Management & River Catchment Partnerships to deliver Natural Flood Management work within Communities. Consult with landowners regarding opportunities for natural solutions.	River Catchment Partnership to scope Natural Flood management actions in Sileby and Syston. River Catchment Partnership to scope Natural Flood management actions along the River Mease. Grants, agreements	Pipeline projects developed. Pipeline projects developed. Explore funding opportunities to support NFM. NFM funded.					L1, G3, J2, G4							
ET	L2.1 Liaise with the Leicestershire Air Quality Forum in providing evidence and pilots to demonstrate benefits of vegetation in tackling poor air quality.	Engagement	Ensure that the Air Quality Forum are involved with the Rees Jeffreys Pilot.					L2, J2, G4, H1			X				
CR, ET	L3.1 Provide interpretation of data on urban tree distribution and canopy cover.	Support the procurement and contract to use the National Tree Map. Through the Ash Dieback Action Plan review tree distribution and canopy cover.	Dataset improves accuracy of risk management around Tree Management Better risk management. Support volunteers action around establishing the number of Mature Trees in the landscape.					H1, G4 H1, G4			X				
ET	L3.2 Work with partners to improve access to local natural greenspace in Leicestershire through the development of support for Nature Recovery strategy and Neighbourhood planning.	Datasharing Consultation on Neighbourhood Plans provision of LRERC	Working with the Borough and District Councils understand the overall access to natural greenspace across Leicestershire by sharing data to produce a Natural Capital Evidence base. Identify gaps and priority evidence base. Continue to work with Parish Councils to look at supporting protect and access to natural greenspace. Better more informed Neighbourhood Plans.					L3, K3, G4			X				
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	M. Demonstrate and promote environmental good practice and show community leadership	M1 Embed good practice into procurement and delivery of Council services.													
		M2 Make others aware of our environmental performance and share good practice													
		M3 Work with others to increase awareness of the need to take action on climate change an ecological decline and support residents and communities to take required actions.													
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CR, PH, ET	M1.1 Work with Catering Services to encourage the purchase of food from suppliers that implement good land management practices to support Biodiversity and Habitat.	Encourage production of produce that also supports Biodiversity and habitat protection. Working with the Leicestershire Sustainable Food & Farming and our County tenants. Encourage social enterprise on County Farms to support sustainable farming by facilitating communications between business and organisations.	Better standard of food served to schools Tenant engagement					M1, G3, G4	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
ET	M1.2 Encourage good practice to support Biodiversity and Habitat on Community Growing sites within the County and on County Council land such as operational sites and allotments.	Provide advice to County allotments and Community Growing sites through Shire Environment Grant support and via tenants to County land.	Successful projects and practices					M1, K3	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
ET	M2.1 Through structured community networks share good practice on managing land for Biodiversity and Habitats.	Establish the Terms of Reference for a Parish Biodiversity Network that encompasses Tree Wardens, Community Biodiversity Champions an Heritage Wardens.	Successful attendance and positive feedback					M2, K3	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓

			Organise 6 Network meetings.	Attendance													
ET		M3.1 Work with national land local campaigns to raise awareness of ecological decline and our actions to tackle ecological decline. For example work with the Blue Heart campaign in relation to our roadside verges, National Tree Week and Swift Awareness week.	Verge Workshops, PR	Work with The Blue Campaign to promote the Urban Wildlife Verges. More awareness of the project within Leicestershire and Nationally.					M3, K3	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		
			Work with partners to promote National Tree week activities. PR, Advocacy from participants	More engagement with Tree Planting and Recording, Protection													
ET, CR		M3.2 Provide information and Training to Parish Councils about ecological decline.	Training courses, attendance	Continue to provide information and training to Parish Councils with the support of partners such as Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust. Community Action Plans					M3, K3, G1	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		
ET		M3.3 Provide training to Tree Wardens, Environmental Action Volunteers about local issues relating to County Council action around ecological decline such as coordination of activity as part of supporting the County Councils Ash Dieback Action plan.	Run training for Tree Wardens and Environmental Action Volunteers for example about the Tree Warden initiative, on Tree Health and Ash Dieback Training courses, attendance	More recording and monitoring for evidence base.					M3, K3, G1, G2	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		
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N. Support action for the development of a low carbon circular economy		N1 Support a low carbon circular economy through the procurement and delivery of council goods and services															
		N2 Work with partners to advance opportunities that support a low carbon circular economy in Leicestershire															
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		N1.2 Identify opportunities to support Biodiversity and Habitat through a circular economy approach-grass cutting and bio-digestion at a local scale.	Community composting, Biodigestion facilities and local social enterprises to offer services.	Increase the mass of vegetation cut and collected and explore suitable technical facilities.					N1, G1, G2, G4	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		
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O. Support action for sustainable development and growth		O1 Support sustainable development and growth through the procurement and delivery of council goods and services															
		O2 Work with partners to advance opportunities that support sustainable development and growth in Leicestershire															
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ET, CR		O1.1 Ensure that natural products are sourced from sustainable production.	Database	Audit the purchase of goods to check for certification on items such as timber or paper products.					N1, G3	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		
ET, CE,		O2.1 Work with local community groups to encourage social enterprise around interventions to support species and habitats	Work with identified organisations to support development of business models. Such as Ecotourism, community growing. An example would be Buzzing Roots encourage Bee-keeping in the community using Country Parks as a showcase venue.	Social enterprises supporting nature conservation and learning.					G1, K3, O2	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		