

Conserving Nature for the Community

Part 3 Action plan 2005 - 2008



Corporate Biodiversity Action Plan



Hampshire
County Council

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Key actions and targets for implementing Hampshire County Council's Corporate Biodiversity Action plan are set out in the table below.

Ongoing actions are current activity. Some are long-term and continuous whereas others have an endpoint such as the production of a plan. They are programmed activity with resources allocated.

New actions are either significant developments of existing activity or entirely new work. Each new action has a specified year for completion. In some cases, although the initial task will be complete, an ongoing task may then be established in future.

Monitoring Progress

A cross-departmental Biodiversity Group will promote implementation and monitor progress. The Group will report to the Sustainable Development Steering Group and be responsible for annual review of this Plan.

Individual actions will be monitored using a 'traffic light' system of Green (successful implementation), Amber (significant progress), or Red (little/no action), together with explanatory information. The assessment will take into account quality and extent of delivery, and for those with an endpoint, timing of delivery.

Key to Action Plan

Key biodiversity initiatives are divided into **14 themes**. Under each theme, strategic areas of **action** are linked to specific **targets**. Programmes and initiatives to achieve **targets** are given as **new** or **ongoing**. Significantly **new** initiatives within existing ongoing programmes are given as **new**. **Complete by** indicates end dates for new or ongoing programmes and initiatives.

Continuing work is shown as ►

Resources required for **new** initiatives (or significantly **new** initiatives within an ongoing programme) are indicated as:

Staff

- # = part of existing work
- ## = capacity to be identified

Financial

- Nil = no financial implications
- £ = within existing operational budgets
- ££ = funding to be determined

HCC Department

Chief Executives

ChEx/EDO Economic Development Office

ChEx/IC Information Centres

ChEx/PU Policy Unit

Education

ED Education Department

ED/EC Education Study Centres

ED/HIAS Hampshire Inspection & Advisory Service

ED/TP Trailblazer Project

Environment

Envt/A3C Area 3 Commission

Envt/EC Engineering Consultancy

Envt/EG Ecology Group

Envt/EG (HBIC)

Ecology Group
(Hampshire Biodiversity
Information Centre)

Envt/EFS Environment Futures and Sustainability

Envt/HM Highway Management

Envt/HUs Highway Units

Envt/LPH Landscape Planning & Heritage

Envt/MWP Minerals & Waste Planning

Envt/NRI Natural Resource Initiative

Envt/PI Performance and Innovation

Envt/RP Raynesway Partnership

Envt/SR Strategy & Resources

Envt/SS Spatial Strategy Group

Envt/TI Transport Implementation

Envt/TP Transport Policy

Envt/WS Waste Services

Property Business and Regulatory

PBR/AD Architecture & Design Services

PBR/BS Business Services

PBR/EP Estates Practice

PBR/PM Property Management

PBR/HG Hillier Gardens

PBR/SS Scientific Services

Recreation & Heritage

R&H/CS Countryside Service

R&H/MS Museum Service

R&H/OS Outdoor Service

R&H/RO Record Office

Social Services

SS/RSS Resources & Support Services

Headline Targets and Indicators

The following headline targets and indicators will be used to monitor the County Council's **overall performance** on biodiversity.

Planning

- P1 No net loss of biodiversity (overall) through County Council planning decisions, within County Council development or service activity
- P2 Policies for the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity included in the Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework

Highways

- H1 Favourable management of all road verges designated for their nature conservation interest (Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs), Road Verges of Ecological Importance (RVEIs)
- H2 Conservation and enhancement of biodiversity within road improvement and maintenance schemes

County Council Estate

- E1 Favourable condition of all SSSIs owned by Hampshire County Council
- E2 Appropriate management of all SINCs owned by Hampshire County Council
- E3 Significant examples of new development incorporating enhancement of biodiversity

Land Management

- LM1 Number of SINCs in Hampshire under active management
- LM2 Extent of Hampshire priority habitats (as identified in the *Biodiversity Action Plan for Hampshire*) under active management

Awareness

- A1 Sustain and improve the use of Country Parks for raising awareness of biodiversity
- A2 Sir Harold Hillier Gardens used as a key venue for promoting biodiversity

Education

- ED1 Number of schools participating in nature surveys within school grounds

Social Care

- S1 Number of social care properties promoting access to nature



1 Legislation, Policy and Programmes

Action	HCC Department	Target	New / Ongoing	Complete by	Resources	
					Staff	Financial
1.1 Local, Regional, National Biodiversity Programmes Promote implementation of the Biodiversity Action Plan for Hampshire and facilitate the Hampshire Biodiversity Partnership (HBP)	Envvt/EG	Co-ordination and support provided for lead groups such as the HBP Steering Group, Local Authority Biodiversity Forum, Land Management Advisors Forum, Monitoring Group and Woodland Forum	Ongoing	▶		
		Establishment of monitoring and reporting strategy for the Hampshire BAP and links with national Biodiversity Action Reporting System (BARS)	New	05/06	#	Nil
		Reporting established on HBP website	New	05/06	#	Nil
		Review of HBP achievements and priorities for action published	New	05/06	#	£
Assist the South East Regional Biodiversity Forum to ensure biodiversity is fully taken into account in regional strategies and programmes for development, land-use and land management	Envvt/EG	Input provided to the Forum's guidance on the South East Plan and other regional strategies	Ongoing	▶		
		Hampshire data provided to assist monitoring the state of biodiversity within the region	Ongoing	▶		
Assist national initiatives developing the biodiversity work of local authorities	Envvt/EG	Representation on national groups including the England Biodiversity Group and its Local & Regional Implementation Group, the Association of Local Government Ecologists and the National Biodiversity Network	Ongoing	▶		

1 Legislation, Policy and Programmes (continued)


1.2 Community Strategies Ensure that the Community Strategy for Hampshire takes full account of biodiversity	Envt/SR ChEx/PU Envt/EG	Biodiversity appropriately considered within the Community Strategy process	Ongoing	▶		
1.3 Corporate Strategy Ensure that biodiversity continues to be addressed in the County Council's Corporate Strategy	ChEx/PU Envt/EG	Biodiversity targets in the Corporate Strategy reviewed and updated as necessary	Ongoing	▶		
1.4 Corporate Sustainable Development Strategy Assist departmental sustainability groups in their consideration of biodiversity and the implementation of this Corporate BAP	Envt/EG All Depts	Corporate Biodiversity Steering Group established	New	05/06	#	Nil
1.5 Performance Measure the County Council's performance on biodiversity	Envt/EG	Action and headline indicators (in this Plan) monitored on an annual basis	Ongoing	▶		
1.6 Legislation Raise awareness across departments of statutory duties and responsibilities for biodiversity	Envt/EG Envt/EFS	Guidance note on legislation produced	New	05/06	#	Nil
		Procedures established for Strategic Environmental Assessment	Ongoing	05/06		
1.7 Policy development Assist the development of Government and statutory agency policy on biodiversity	Envt/EG Envt/EFS Envt/LPH PBR/SS	Pro-active liaison and appropriate responses to consultations	Ongoing	▶		



2 Forward Planning

Action	HCC Department	Target	New / Ongoing	Complete by	Resources	
					Staff	Financial
2.1 Regional Plan Ensure that biodiversity is taken into account in the County Council's recommendations on the South East Plan	Envt/SS Envt/EG	Advice on biodiversity included at all relevant consultation stages	Ongoing	06/07		
2.2 Sub-Regional Strategies Ensure that biodiversity is fully taken into account within Sub-regional Strategies	Envt/SS Envt/EG	Biodiversity fully considered in the Strategies	Ongoing	06/07		
2.3 Hampshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework Ensure that the HMWDF takes full account of constraints and opportunities for biodiversity	Envt/MWP	Biodiversity fully considered in the HMWDF and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment	Ongoing	06/07		
2.4 Biodiversity Action Plan for the Minerals Industry Support the preparation and implementation of the HMWDF	Envt/EG Envt/MWP	BAP for the Minerals Industry published	New	05/06	#	£
2.5 Local Development Frameworks Ensure that LDFs take full account of biodiversity	Envt/EG Envt/SS Envt/EG (HBIC)	Advice provided during preparation of LDFs (as currently done for Local Plans)	Ongoing	▶		

2 Forward Planning (continued)

2.6 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) Review and update schedules of SINCs for LDFs and sub-regional plans	Envt/EG (HBIC)	Schedules produced in accordance with LDF timetables (as currently done for Local Plans)	Ongoing			
2.7 Guidance on Biodiversity and Development Increase awareness and accessibility of information on biodiversity and development, to assist the preparation and implementation of LDFs	Envt/EG	Guidance on biodiversity and development produced in association with the Local Authority Biodiversity Forum	New	05/06	#	£
2.8 Developer Contributions Ensure that the County Council's work on protection and enhancement of biodiversity is taken into account within the SPG on Developer Contributions	Envt/SS	Biodiversity fully taken into account in guidance on developer contributions	Ongoing	05/06		
2.9 Local Transport Plan Ensure full consideration of biodiversity in 2nd Local Transport Plan	Envt/TP	Biodiversity fully taken into account in 2nd Transport Plan and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment	Ongoing	05/06		
2.10 Cycle Strategies Ensure full consideration of biodiversity in revised Cycle Strategies	Envt/TP	Biodiversity fully taken into account in revised Cycle Strategies	New	05/06	#	Nil
2.11 Rights of Way Ensure full consideration of biodiversity in Rights of Way Improvement Plans	R&H/CS	Biodiversity fully taken into account in Rights of Way Improvement Plans	New	07/08	#	£



3 Development

Action	HCC Department	Target	New / Ongoing	Complete by	Resources	
					Staff	Financial
3.1 Planning Applications and Development Proposals Ensure protection, management and opportunities for enhancement of biodiversity are taken into account within the development control process	Envt/EG Evt/MWP Evt/WS	Full assessment of the implications of minerals and waste and other development proposals likely to affect European and nationally designated sites, SINCs and other priority BAP habitats and species	Ongoing	➤		
3.2 County Council Development Ensure all County Council development takes account of conserving and enhancing biodiversity	PBR/AD Evt/MWP	Early consultation with Ecology Group on all relevant developments	Ongoing	➤		
3.3 Environmental Assessments Ensure that potential impacts of major developments and major transport schemes on biodiversity are fully audited	Envt/EG	Screening of proposals and scoping of Environmental Assessments	Ongoing	➤		
		Appropriate Assessments completed in accordance with the Habitat Regulations	Ongoing	➤		
		Complete the review of mineral permissions under the Environment Act and Habitat Regulations	Ongoing	07/08		
3.4 Major Development Areas / Urban Development Ensure opportunities and constraints for biodiversity are fully taken into account within MDAs and other urban developments	PBR/EP Evt/SS	Biodiversity taken into account in development briefs and plans	Ongoing	➤		

3 Development (continued)

3.5 Closed Landfill Sites Secure opportunities to enhance biodiversity through the management of closed landfill sites	Envt/WS Evt/EG R&H/CS	Implement management for biodiversity on sites in accordance with planning conditions and current proposals	Ongoing	▶		
	Envt/WS Evt/EG	Review potential opportunity and feasibility of management for biodiversity on other closed landfill sites	New	06/07	#	Nil
3.6 Monitoring Develop strategies and initiatives to monitor changes in Hampshire's biodiversity resulting from development	Envt/MWP Evt/EG	Monitoring strategy established for minerals and waste development to ensure compliance with conditions and agreements	New	05/06	#	Nil
		Review the effectiveness of section 106 Agreements on mineral sites	New	06/07	#	£
	Envt/EG Evt/MWP Evt/SS	Develop a project to monitor changes in biodiversity resulting from planning decisions by the County Council and throughout Hampshire - complete 2 nd phase of project	New	06/07	#	£



4 Transportation and Highway Management

Action	HCC Department	Target	New / Ongoing	Complete by	Resources	
					Staff	Financial
4.1 Transport Infrastructure Improvements Ensure that all transport schemes take full account of biodiversity, including statutory designated sites, SINCs and other priority BAP habitats and species	Envt/TI Evt/EG Evt/EC	Guidance on legislation, policies and procedures for scheme managers produced	New	05/06	#	Nil
		Appropriate ecological assessment of highway-related development proposals	Ongoing	▶		
4.2 Maintenance Schemes Ensure that road maintenance schemes take full account of biodiversity	Envt/HM Evt/HUs Evt/EG	Appropriate ecological assessments of all maintenance schemes likely to affect designated sites, including SINCs and Road Verges of Ecological Importance, through early consultation with Ecology Group	New	05/06	#	Nil
4.3 Ragwort Policy Ensure compliance with Government guidance on ragwort control whilst minimising impacts on biodiversity	Envt/HM Evt/EG PBR/EP	Publish policy and practice note	New	05/06	#	Nil
4.4 Road Verge Management Project Seek to ensure appropriate management of road verges identified for their particular biological importance	Envt/HUs Evt/EG	Appropriate mowing regimes and other management works on Road Verges of Ecological Importance	Ongoing	▶		
4.5 Biodiversity Action Plan for Road Verges Develop and implement good practice for biodiversity across the road network in Hampshire	Envt/EG Evt/HM	Biodiversity Action Plan for Road Verges published	New	06/07	#	££

5 Land Management

Action	HCC Department	Target	New / Ongoing	Complete by	Resources	
					Staff	Financial
5.1 Policy Development Assist in the development of agri-environment and other land management policy	Envt/EG Envt/SS Envt/LPH PBR/EP	Support and/or co-ordination of strategic fora and organisations such as FWAG, Committee for Rural Hampshire and Woodland Forum	Ongoing	➤		
5.2 Rural Delivery Ensure integrated working on rural issues taking into account new delivery arrangements set out in the Government's Rural Strategy	Envt/PI Envt/SS Envt/LPH Envt/EG R&H PBR/EP	Facilitate a Rural Pathfinder Project for the SE including a pilot to test the development of integrated advisory services for land management	New	07/08	##	££
5.3 Land Management Advisors Forum Ensure co-ordination and effectiveness of advisory provision in Hampshire	Envt/EG Envt/LPH PBR/EP	Establishment of a system for collating data on advisory provision; improved co-ordination of advisory provision; assessment of contribution of advice to Hampshire BAP delivery; and identification of gaps in advisory provision	New	05/06	#	£
		Directory of land management advisors produced and distributed to advisors through a GIS layer and /or booklet	New	05/06	#	£
		LMAF developed as a mechanism for improving communication and co-operation between advisors	New	05/06	#	Nil
5.4 Land Management Plans Ensure biodiversity is fully taken into account in land management plans	Envt/LPH	Assistance to the preparation, review and implementation of management plans for AONBs	Ongoing	➤		
		Integrated land management plans produced for other areas of the county	Ongoing	➤		
		Pilot a methodology for assessing sensitivity of landscapes to change (Landscape Sensitivity Study)	Ongoing	05/06		



5 Land Management (continued)

5.5 Hampshire Heathland Project Ensure the restoration, recreation and long term management of heathland in Hampshire	Envt/EG	Achieve yearly targets set out in the 5 year Heritage Lottery funded Implementation Plan	Ongoing	06/07		
		Engagement of volunteers and Parish Councils	Ongoing	➤		
		Organise and promote annual Heath Week	Ongoing	➤		
		Strategy produced to secure the ongoing sustainable management of heathland beyond the HLF programme	New	05/06	#	Nil
		Biodiversity Action Plan for Heathland published	New	05/06	#	Nil
5.6 Grazing Project Ensure the conservation of key habitats through securing appropriate grazing	Envt/EG R&H/CS PBR/EP	Grazing secured on key sites throughout Hampshire	Ongoing	➤		
		Appropriate grazing secured on relevant County Council owned land	Ongoing	➤		
5.7 Woodland Project Ensure the management of ancient semi-natural woodland and provide support to the associated woodland industry	Envt/EG	Advice and grant aid provided for the restoration and management of coppice woodland; uptake of the England Woodland Grant Scheme promoted	Ongoing	➤		
		Support to the coppice industry provided through promotion of the coppice workers/products database, development of the Hampshire Coppice Craftsmen Group, and raising the profile of regional coppice products through education and marketing opportunities	Ongoing	➤		
		Implementation of the Biodiversity Action Plans for Ancient Woodland and Wood Pasture	Ongoing	➤		
5.8 Habitat Management Advisory Project Support the management of Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs)	Envt/EG	Advice and assistance provided to landowners of SINCs	Ongoing	➤		
		Complete the programme of notifying landowners of the SINC designation	Ongoing	05/06		
		Set up a reporting system and database to monitor the extent and outcomes of management support for SINCs by agri-environment schemes and other projects – complete 1 st phase of project	New	06/07	#	££

5 Land Management (continued)

5.9 New Forest Life 3 Secure riverine and wetland restoration in the New Forest	Envt/EFS	Strategic management of the New Forest Life 3 project on behalf of the Life 3 Partnership to achieve targets in Implementation Plan	Ongoing	06/07		
5.10 Test and Itchen Landcare Secure sustainable land management throughout the Test and Itchen catchments	Envt/LPH PBR/EP	Whole farm plans produced to reduce diffuse pollution, enhance landscape and improve farm economics	Ongoing	➤		
5.11 National Parks Ensure a co-ordinated approach to biodiversity within the new National Parks	Envt/PI Evt/EG Evt/LPH R&H/CS PBR/EP	Development of the role of the County Council within the National Parks	Ongoing	➤		
5.12 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty Enhance the landscape and biodiversity value of AONBs in Hampshire	Envt/LPH	Delivery of landscape and nature conservation management in Hampshire AONBs	Ongoing	➤		
5.13 Forests of Bere and Eversley Secure the management of biodiversity and improve access to the natural environment within the Forest of Bere and Forest of Eversley integrated land use projects	Envt/LPH R&H/CS	Management for biodiversity incorporated into the Forest of Bere and Forest of Eversley projects	Ongoing	➤		
5.14 Rural Urban Fringe Enhance the biodiversity value of areas of urban fringe and improve access to the natural environment	Envt/SS R&H/CS Evt/LPH PBR/EP	Biodiversity appropriately considered in development of initiatives for the urban fringe	Ongoing	➤		
5.15 Rights of Way and Open Access Take account of biodiversity in the management of the RoW and open access network	R&H/CS PBR/EP	Review the capacity to enhance biodiversity within the management of the RoW and open access network.	New	07/08	#	£



6 Coast

Action	HCC Department	Target	New / Ongoing	Complete by	Resources	
					Staff	Financial
6.1 Solent European Marine Sites (SEMS) Secure the protection and sustainable management of coastal European Sites	Envt/SS PBR/EP R&H/CS	Implementation of the SEMs management scheme	Ongoing	➤		
		Annual review of impact of activities and management practices on SEMS	Ongoing	➤		
6.2 Coastal BAP Prioritise and implement key actions for the coast as set out in the Coastal BAP	Envt/SS	Implementation of habitat management projects on County Council land	Ongoing	➤		
		Integrated information and reporting system established in partnership with other organisations	New	06/07	#	££
		Communications strategy to raise awareness of coastal biodiversity produced in association with other organisations	New	06/07	#	££
6.3 Sea Level Rise and Shoreline Management Develop strategies for the management of coastal habitats taking into account sea level rise	Envt/SS	Complete Solent Dynamic Coast Project	New	06/07	#	Nil
		Review the need for additional studies to assess the effect of predicted sea level rise on coastal habitats	New	06/07	#	££
Review effects of shoreline management policies on HCC landholdings, through six Key Area Working Groups (KAWGs)	Envt/SS PBR/EP R&H/CS	Complete work of KAWGs and feed into second round of Shoreline Management Plan	New	06/07	#	£

7 County Council Landholdings

Action	HCC Department	Target	New/ Ongoing	Complete by	Resources	
					Staff	Financial
7.1 County Farms Ensure the conservation of biodiversity on the County Farms Estate	PBR/EP Envt/EG	The 2002 <i>Review of the County Farm Estate</i> followed-up with a detailed assessment of biodiversity and potential for nature conservation –survey of key sites 05/06	New	05/06	#	£
	PBR/EP Envt/EG Envt/LPH	Whole farm plans prepared for new lettings of vacant farms and good standards for biodiversity included in new tenancy agreements.	Ongoing	➤		
7.2 Countryside Sites Secure the appropriate management of Countryside Sites for biodiversity	R&H/CS Envt/EG PBR/EP	Appropriate management of Countryside Sites for biodiversity, including links with the heathland, grazing and woodland projects (see Land Management targets above)	Ongoing	➤		
		Favourable condition of SSSIs in line with national standards by 2010	Ongoing	➤		
		Up-to-date and comprehensive management plans for key sites	Ongoing	➤		
		Specific opportunities identified for the conservation of BAP Priority Species found on Countryside Sites	Ongoing	➤		
		Assistance with national species recovery programmes	Ongoing	➤		
7.3 Land for Development Ensure that the release of County Council land for development considers safeguards for retaining biodiversity	PBR/ EP	Early consultation with Ecology Group on all schemes and full ecological assessments	Ongoing	➤		
7.4 Woodland Certification Ensure sustainable management of County Council owned woodland	R&H/CS Envt/EG PBR/EP	Certification of all significant woodland on the County Council's estate – 1 st phase completed	New	05/06	#	£
7.5 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation Secure the appropriate management of all SINCs owned by the County Council	Envt/EG PBR/EP R&H/CS	Complete a review of the condition and management of SINCs owned by the County Council – complete 1 st phase survey	New	05/06	#	£
7.6 Pesticide Policy Ensure that the County Council's use of pesticides minimises adverse effects on biodiversity	PBR/SS	Review of County Council policy and guidance on pesticide use; consistent standards of use promoted	New	06/07	#	Nil



8 County Council Buildings and Grounds

Action	HCC Department	Target	New / Ongoing	Complete by	Resources	
					Staff	Financial
8.1 Sir Harold Hillier Gardens (see also 14.3 Awareness and Involvement) Ensure appropriate management of habitats and species in Hillier Gardens and use to promote public awareness of biodiversity	PBR/HG Envt/EG	Update of management plan for the gardens following ecological survey	New	05/06	#	Nil
8.2 School Grounds (see also 11.3 - 11.5 Education) Promote and secure the improvement and management of school grounds to provide natural areas for enjoyment and education	Envt/LPH	Implementation of Schools Landscape Programme	Ongoing	▶		
		Co-ordination of work on the enhancement of school grounds (through School Grounds Advisors Forum and maintenance of website)	Ongoing	▶		
		Implementation of programme of woodland maintenance within school grounds	Ongoing	▶		
	PBR/PM Envt/LPH	Review of the potential to improve nature within school grounds by adjustments to routine maintenance	New	06/07	#	Nil
	ED/TP	Trailblazer Project further developed to include improvements to nature areas in school grounds	Ongoing	▶		
8.3 Other Grounds (see also 12.1 Social Care) Ensure management for biodiversity within the grounds of other County Council property eg. offices, care homes	PBR/EP SS/RSS Envt/EG	Audit of biodiversity interest and potential of property held by the County Council – complete 1 st phase	New	05/06	#	£
8.4 Buildings and Development Take full account of biodiversity in the design and layout of new buildings and their environs, and the refurbishment and replacement of existing buildings and upgrade of associated external environments	PBR/AD Envt/EG	Guidance note on incorporating biodiversity into the design and layout of new buildings and grounds produced	New	05/06	#	Nil
	PBR/AD	Early consultation with Ecology Group to assess potential impacts on biodiversity of proposals for refurbishment and replacement of buildings	New	05/06	#	Nil

9 Data and Information

Action	HCC Department	Target	New / Ongoing	Complete by	Resources	
					Staff	Financial
9.1 Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre Continue to develop HBIC as the central resource for biodiversity information in the county, and provide an information service to the County Council, partners, consultants and the public	Envt/EG (HBIC)	Continued management and provision of data	Ongoing	▶		
		Development of the services provided by HBIC to ensure that information on biodiversity reaches new audiences including schools and the public – complete IT and audience development plans for HLF bid	New	07/08	##	££
		Annual programmes of biological survey to provide data to support the planning, land management and other work of the County Council and to meet the information needs of partner organisations	Ongoing	▶		
		Expansion of data held by HBIC through direct acquisition of records and data exchange agreements with recording organisations	New	05/06	#	Nil
		Co-ordination and support for the biodiversity recording work of other agencies and groups to ensure effective network of information linked to HBIC	Ongoing	▶		
		Establishment of the process for the auditing and monitoring of the state of biodiversity within Hampshire – produce interim State of Biodiversity Report	New	05/06	#	£
		Data links developed between HBIC and the National Biodiversity Network	New	05/06	#	Nil
9.2 Countryside Service Continue to monitor and survey the biodiversity value of Countryside Sites	R&H/CS	Continued collection of data on key habitats and species	Ongoing	▶		



9 Data and Information (continued)

9.3 Museums Service Continue to manage the natural science collections and promote links between the collections and the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre	R&H/MS Evt/EG (HBIC)	Long-term care of and improved access to the natural science collections and their associated data	Ongoing	▶		
		Closer working developed between HBIC and the natural history collections of the Museums Service	New	05/06	#	£
9.4 Record Office Promote links between the archives of the Record Office and the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre	R&H/RO Evt/EG (HBIC)	Establishment of links between HBIC and the Record Office	New	05/06	#	Nil
9.5 Land Management Information Service Provide enhanced biodiversity information to landowners and land managers	Envt/EG (HBIC)	Work with LaMIS to provide information on biodiversity to landowners to assist land management	Ongoing	▶		
	PBR/EP	LaMIS promoted as a tool to deliver whole-farm planning on the County Farms Estate	New	05/06	#	££

10 Associated Environmental Initiatives

Action	HCC Department	Target	New / Ongoing	Complete by	Resources	
					Staff	Financial
Ensure that biodiversity is fully taken into account in all relevant environmental initiatives, spatial strategies and projects including:						
10.1 Climate Change	Envt/EFS Envt/SS Envt/EG R&H/CS	Participation in the European Interreg IIIB project (BRANCH) to develop, trial and promote policies and tools to help biodiversity adapt to climate change	Ongoing	07/08	#	Nil
10.2 Flooding	Envt/EFS	Constraints and opportunities for biodiversity taken into account within all flood management schemes	New	05/06	#	Nil
10.3 Water	Envt/EG Envt/EFS	Promotion of the implementation of the Biodiversity Action Plan for Water and the suite of biodiversity actions within the Hampshire Water Strategy	Ongoing	➤		
10.4 Sustainable Energy	Envt/EFS Envt/EG	Links developed between bio-fuel initiatives and HCC habitat management initiatives such as the Woodland and Heathland Projects	New	05/06	#	Nil
10.5 Soil	Envt/EFS PBR/EP	Biodiversity issues fully addressed in the emerging Hampshire Soil Initiative	Ongoing	➤	#	£
10.6 Archaeology and Historic Buildings	Envt/LPH Envt/EG R&H/CS	Retention and management of biodiversity features associated with archaeological sites and historic buildings, and management for biodiversity in accordance with maintaining archaeological / historic features.	Ongoing	➤		



10 Associated Environmental Initiatives (continued)

10.7 Watermeadows Project	Envt/LPH	Biodiversity taken into account in the restoration of traditional water meadow management systems	Ongoing	➤		
10.8 Materials Resource Strategy	Envt/NRI Envt/MWP Envt/EG	MRS developed to take account of biodiversity	Ongoing	➤		
10.9 Natural Resources Initiative	Envt/NRI Envt/EG	Explore opportunities for biodiversity within the work of NRI	Ongoing	➤		
10.10 Procurement Investigate opportunities to obtain products from sustainable sources and where possible from local suppliers	PBR/BS Envt/EG	Adopt robust purchasing policies for buying sustainably produced timber and wood products and consider sourcing such products locally/regionally	New	06/07	#	Nil
	ChEx/EDO	Work with County Supplies and HC3S to encourage uptake of local food produce in schools and other HCC establishments	Ongoing	➤		
10.11 Genetically Modified Organisms Seek to avoid the potential impacts of GMOs on biodiversity	PBR/SS	National research and policy on GMOs reviewed and County Council's policy updated as necessary	Ongoing	➤		

11 Education (see also 8.2 – School Grounds)

Action	HCC Department	Target	New / Ongoing	Complete by	Resources	
					Staff	Financial
11.1 National Curriculum / Wider Curriculum Ensure that biodiversity is a key topic in the County Council's delivery of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)	ED/HIAS	Guidance note for teachers to illustrate the central role of biodiversity in ESD produced	New	06/07	#	£
		Review of the need for teacher training in various aspects of biodiversity education	New	06/07	#	Nil
	PBR/EP ED Envt/EG	Distribution of relevant information on biodiversity to all schools through 'Property Matters', monthly mailings and the termly sustainable development timetable	New	06/07	#	Nil
11.2 Environmental Education Policy Ensure that biodiversity is fully considered in the County's Environmental Education Policy	ED/HIAS	Biodiversity incorporated into the review of the Environmental Education Policy	New	05/06	#	Nil
11.3 Sustainable Schools Take account of biodiversity in sustainable development programmes for schools	Envt/NRI ED	Biodiversity incorporated into advice to schools on sustainable development and work of Sustainable Schools Forum	New	05/06	#	Nil
11.4 School Wildlife Surveys Raise children's awareness of biodiversity through observing nature in school grounds	Envt/EG Envt/LPH	Establishment of a pilot project where schoolchildren undertake wildlife surveys in their school grounds e.g. birds, butterflies etc.	New	05/06	#	££
11.5 Trailblazer Promote understanding of biodiversity through the Trailblazer project	ED/TP Envt/EG	Production of an insert on biodiversity and nature for the Trailblazer information pack	New	06/07	#	££
11.6 Hampshire Outdoor Service Ensure that biodiversity is included as an integral component of programmes at outdoor centres and education study centres	R&H/OS ED/EC ED/TP	Review the biodiversity component of programmes at outdoor centres and education centres	New	06/07	#	Nil
		Information on biodiversity included in the Outdoor Service magazine 'Out There'	New	05/06	#	Nil
11.7 Countryside Sites Continue to raise awareness of biodiversity through the education programmes at countryside sites	R&H/CS ED/TP	Development of the biodiversity component of the education programmes at countryside sites	New	07/08	#	Nil



12 Social care

Action	HCC Department	Target	New / Ongoing	Complete by	Resources	
					Staff	Financial
12.1 Property and Grounds Increase the biodiversity value of property and grounds surrounding care homes	SS/RSS Evt/EG Evt/LPH PBR/PM	Audit of the biodiversity interest and potential of the grounds of key properties to provide a resource for the benefit of service users – complete first phase of survey 05/06.	New	05/06	#	£
		Complete an investigation of the feasibility of introducing low cost measures such as birdfeeders, nest boxes and images of nature into the grounds and premises of social services properties, particularly at the 26 older people's care homes	New	05/06	#	££
	SS/RSS Evt/EG	Senior managers from each care group consulted and a 'good practice guide' produced on the potential for attracting and using nature for the benefit of services users	New	05/06	##	££
12.2 Visits and Activities Increase access to nature for adults and children	SS/RSS R&H/CS	Investigation of the potential for increasing the use of Countryside Sites by care services	New	05/06	#	£
	SS/RSS	Investigation of the potential for care services to use venues such as Hillier Gardens, Marwell Zoo Study Centre	New	05/06	#	£
	SS/RSS	Opportunities developed for activities such as countryside visits, gardening, involvement in local conservation projects and a programme of in-house talks/demonstrations	New	07/08	##	££
12.3 Other Initiatives Explore the potential for using nature in a variety of ways to benefit services users	SS/RSS ED	Investigation of opportunities for environmental vocational training	New	05/06	##	£
	SS/RSS	Investigation of the opportunity for using biodiversity to improve people's health and wellbeing e.g. sensory gardens	New	05/06	##	££

13 Economic Development

Action	HCC Department	Target	New / Ongoing	Complete by	Resources	
					Staff	Financial
13.1 Business and Industry Promote the role of business and industry in supporting biodiversity	Envt/EG Evt/NRI	Good practice in business and industry promoted through the Business Environment Forum and the South East England Biodiversity Forum	Ongoing	➤		
13.2 Rural Economy Support the regeneration of the rural economy, including benefit for biodiversity	ChEx/EDO Evt/EG	Development of markets and outlets for products from sustainably managed land (such as land managed by conservation grazing, coppice management and heathland management)	Ongoing	➤		
		Support provided for farmers and rural producers through Hampshire Fare and Farmers Markets	Ongoing	➤		
		Promote links between farming, countryside and food through the Hampshire Food Festival	Ongoing	➤		



14 Awareness and Involvement

Action	HCC Department	Target	New / Ongoing	Complete	Resources	
					Staff	Financial
14.1 Biodiversity Exhibitions Use exhibition material to promote awareness and involvement in biodiversity and to promote the work of the County Council	Envt/EG R&H/MS ChEx/IC R&H/CS	Programme developed for mounting an exhibition on Hampshire's biodiversity at County Council public venues such as local museums, libraries, record office, information centres, discovery centres and country parks	New	06/07	#	£
		Continue to display information about biodiversity at a variety of shows and events	Ongoing	➤		
14.2 Biodiversity Information Ensure that information on Hampshire's biodiversity is readily available from public information centres and other venues such as country parks	Envt/EG R&H/CS ChEx/IC	Leaflets and other printed material on biodiversity made available at Information Centres, and up-to-date information on biodiversity included in the contacts database used by Centres	Ongoing	05/06		
14.3 Sir Harold Hillier Gardens Develop the potential of Hillier Gardens as a premier venue for increasing public awareness and interest in biodiversity	PBR/HG Evt/EG	Biodiversity trail and accompanying leaflet produced	New	06/07	#	££
		Exhibition on biodiversity in the visitor pavilion	New	06/07	#	£
		Development of the gardens to further demonstrate wildlife features	New	07/08	##	££
14.4 Countryside Sites / Rights of Way Ensure that public understanding and awareness of biodiversity is promoted through Countryside Sites and the Rights of Way network	R&H/CS	Development of the role of Countryside Sites and the Rights of Way network in promoting appreciation of biodiversity	Ongoing	➤		
14.5 Biodiversity Website Ensure that information on Hampshire's biodiversity is available online	Envt/EG	Hampshire Biodiversity Partnership website regularly updated	Ongoing	➤		
	Envt/EG	Webpages on the biodiversity initiatives of the County Council regularly updated	Ongoing	➤		
	Envt/EG (HBIC)	Data on Hampshire's biodiversity made available online	New	07/08	##	££

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