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PWYLLGOR POLISI AC ADNODDAU
I'w cynnal yn Siambr y Cyngor a thrwy bresenoldeb o bell ar,
ddydd Mercher, 28 Medi, 2022, am 4.45 y.p.


CLERC y CYNGOR

22 Medi, 2022.

AGENDA

1. Derbyn ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb.
2. Derbyn Datganiad o Fuddiannau gan Aelodau mewn perthynas â'r busnes i'w drafod.
3. Adran 6 y Ddyletswydd Bioamrywiaeth a Chydnerthedd Ecosystemau – i nodi er gwybodaeth gohebiaeth oddi wrth Y Gweinidog Newid Hinsawdd, Llywodraeth Cymru.
4. Deddf Cyrff Cyhoeddus (Mynediad i Gyfarfodydd), 1960 – ystyried eithrio aelodau'r cyhoedd pan ystyrir y materion canlynol oherwydd natur gyfrinachol y busnes a drafodir.
5. Adroddiad Dynol – Materion Staffio - i dderbyn adroddiad y Rheolwr Gweithrediadau Technegol a Chyffredinol.

Aelodau'r Pwyllgor:

Cyng. R. E. Evans (Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor), B. M. Williams (Is-Gadeirydd y Pwyllgor),
A. G. Morgan (Cadeirydd y Cyngor), S. R. Bowen, D. M. Cundy, S. L. Davies, A. Evans,
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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL
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POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
To be hosted at the Council Chamber and via remote attendance on
Wednesday, 28 September, 2022, at 4.45 pm


CLERK to the COUNCIL

22 September, 2022.

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To receive Members Declarations of Interest in respect of the business to be transacted.
3. The Section 6 Biodiversity and Ecosystem Resilience Duty – to note for information correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change, Welsh Government.
4. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 – to consider excluding members of the public during consideration of the following matter owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
5. Human Resources - Staffing Matters - to receive the report of the Technical and General Operations Manager.

Members of the Committee:

Cllrs. R. E. Evans (Chairman of Committee), B. M. Williams (Vice Chairman of Committee)
A. G. Morgan (Chairman of Council), S. R. Bowen, D. M. Cundy, S. L. Davies, A.
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Julie James AS/MS
Y Gweinidog Newid Hinsawdd
Minister for Climate Change

Ein cyf/Our ref MA/JJ/0233/22

Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

27 July 2022

Dear Colleague,

Re: The section 6 biodiversity and ecosystem resilience duty

The last two years have been a particularly difficult time with the impacts of Covid, but one positive that has emerged from the pandemic is the importance of our nature to the wellbeing of the nation. However, biodiversity is declining with loss of habitats and one in six species in Wales are at risk of disappearing. To address this, we have declared a nature emergency acknowledging that, along with the rest of the UK and the world, not enough progress has been made to meet global targets and reverse the decline in biodiversity.

The need to tackle the nature crisis has been recognised in our Programme for Government commitment to embed biodiversity in all we do. A key initiative to encourage this integration is the section 6 biodiversity duty. It was introduced under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and requires that public authorities maintain and enhance biodiversity and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems throughout all their functions. The duty includes a three yearly requirement that all public authorities must publish a report detailing the actions taken to help maintain and enhance biodiversity. The second round of reports are due at the end of this year.

The reporting requirement is important as it gives you the opportunity to evaluate and reflect on the steps you are taking to benefit biodiversity, and to also consider potential additional actions. It also publicises the work you are doing and sends out a message that positive steps are being taken to tackle the nature and climate emergencies.

To assist you in preparing your report, I have included a resources sheet which includes the following information:

- links to guidance on the reporting requirement and the duty more generally,
- links to reports from the first reporting round in 2019,
- information on the Local Places for Nature Scheme which includes funding for projects, and the Verges and Green Space Management initiative.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I appreciate that some town and community councils have limited opportunities to help biodiversity, but any action you take, no matter how small, will assist you in complying with the duty.

Of the 700 plus councils less than a hundred published a report for the first reporting round in 2019. Therefore, please make every effort to publish one by the end of this year and I look forward to hearing about your report in due course.

If you have any questions please contact my officials at S6BiodiversityDuty@gov.wales.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie James".

Julie James AS/MS
Y Gweinidog Newid Hinsawdd
Minister for Climate Change

Resources Sheet for Section 6 Biodiversity Duty Reporting **- town and community councils.**

<u>Guidance Documents</u>
<p>Section 6 duty reporting requirement: frequently asked questions for town and community councils</p> <p><u>The Section 6 Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty: reporting: frequently asked questions GOV.WALES</u></p>
<p>Section 6 duty reporting requirement: suggested template for town and community councils</p> <p><u>The Section 6 Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty: reporting template GOV.WALES</u></p>
<p>Section 6 duty reporting requirement: suggested example template for town and community councils</p> <p><u>The Section 6 Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty: example reporting template GOV.WALES</u></p>
<p>Section 6 duty reporting guidance</p> <p><u>Environment (Wales) Act 2016: biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems duty: reporting guidance GOV.WALES</u></p>
<p>Introduction to the section 6 Duty</p> <p><u>Introduction to the Section 6 Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty GOV.WALES</u></p>
<p>Section 6 duty reporting requirement: Frequently asked questions</p> <p><u>Reporting on Section 6 - The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty: frequently asked questions GOV.WALES</u></p>
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<p>Good practice guide – examples of biodiversity actions from public authorities across Wales</p>

Wales Biodiversity Partnership - Biodiversity Duty good practice
(biodiversitywales.org.uk)

Example reports from the first reporting round:

Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council

Microsoft Word - Biodiversity action plan report (abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk)

Llanfoist Fawr Community Council

Llanfoist Fawr Community Council - Policies (llanfoist-fawr-community-council.co.uk)

Valley Community Council

Biodiversity-and-Resilience-of-Ecosystems-Duty.pdf (valley-community-council.wales)

Schemes, projects and other websites

Managing roadsides and amenity grasslands to support biodiversity

We can make road verges and amenity grasslands (parks and other open green spaces) more wildlife friendly. Regularly cut, closely mown grass may look tidy but it has little benefit for wildlife. Letting grass grow and having more meadow-like areas with wildflowers helps wildlife.

Therefore, if you own or manage these areas, sympathetic management can substantially benefit biodiversity and help you comply with the section 6 duty. Changing how grass is cut, over time, can create more native wildflower-rich meadows in amenity areas (parks, grounds and green spaces around office buildings) and along roadsides. This will help combat both the nature and climate emergencies by supporting wildlife, enhancing ecological connectivity, storing more carbon in our soils and building more resilience to environmental change.

More information can be found in the links below:

- **Welsh Government** web page, '[Road verges and amenity grasslands supporting wildlife](#)' and [FAQ](#).
- **Plantlife**, in collaboration with partners including Welsh Government, have produced [Managing Grassland Road Verges: A Best Practice Guide](#). This provides comprehensive guidance for those who manage road verges.
- The **Nature isn't Neat** approach focuses on allowing more nature back into our green spaces by being less tidy. They have published a [code of practice](#) to make green spaces more biodiverse.
- A **Natural Resources Wales** booklet, '[Healthy for Bees: Healthy for People](#). Managing the grounds of public buildings for pollinators', also provides useful information. Link to booklet:

[Managing the grounds of public buildings for pollinators \(naturalresources.wales\)](#)
- [Bee Friendly Planting for Pollinators \(pages 21-23\)](#) includes a section on [cutting grass less often](#).

Local Places for Nature Scheme

This scheme is designed to restore and enhances nature where people live, work and access public services. Importantly, it also includes **funding**, together with help in implementing specific projects.

Further information, including how to reply, can be found on the following link.

[Local Places for Nature - WCVA](#)

One Voice Wales has a member of staff dedicated to the Scheme, Rachel Carter, and she can be contacted on rcarter@onevoicewales.wales

Wales Biodiversity Partnership – website for general information about biodiversity and what we can do to help, together with a dedicated section for the section 6 duty.

[Wales Biodiversity Partnership - Home \(biodiversitywales.org.uk\)](#)