

East Ayrshire Council in Partnership with East Ayrshire Leisure

Green Infrastructure and Green Network Strategy: Volume 4

Biodiversity Duty Delivery Plan 2015 - 2017

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Action	Description	Lead Partner	2015	2016	2017
Mainstreaming					
Green Network Plan	Publication of an East Ayrshire wide Green Network Plan which provides an audit of greenspaces in each settlement and an action plan for improvement	East Ayrshire Leisure, East Ayrshire Council	x		
State of Environment Report	Publication of a State of the environment report which provides a comprehensive baseline of ecological data	East Ayrshire Council	x		
Service Biodiversity Action Plans	Development of service specific biodiversity plans to raise awareness of biodiversity and to introduce more sympathetic working practices specifically within Housing and Communities, Facilities and Property Management and the Ayrshire Roads Alliance	East Ayrshire Council		x	x

Monitoring					
Development of a Local Record Centre	Work in partnership to establish a local records centre that will collate biological records and community sightings	East Ayrshire Leisure	x	x	
Annual Review of 2015 – 2017 Action Plan	Carry out annual monitoring of action plan to ensure targets are being met and that there is a consistency of delivery	East Ayrshire Council, East Ayrshire Leisure	x	x	x
Partnership Working					
Development of a Landscape Partnership	Development of a Landscape Partnership Scheme to maximise opportunities for effective joint working to deliver Biodiversity objectives across East Ayrshire.	East Ayrshire Leisure, East Ayrshire Council	x	x	x
Ayrshire Green Network Partnership	Continue to contribute to the Ayrshire Green Network Partnership	East Ayrshire Council, East Ayrshire Leisure	x	x	X
Ayrshire and Arran Woodland and Forest	Continue to contribute to the Ayrshire and Arran	East Ayrshire Council, East	x	x	x

Partnership	Woodland and Forest Strategy	Ayrshire Leisure			
Biodiversity Action, Communication and Engagement					
Dean Castle Country Park Biodiversity Action Plan	Implement the BAP for dean castle Country Park focussing on the woodland, farmland and wetland habitats	East Ayrshire Leisure	x	x	x
Kilmarnock Green Infrastructure Project	Develop and implement a project which connects key open spaces throughout Kilmarnock focussing on sustainable transport, biodiversity and community engagement	East Ayrshire Leisure, East Ayrshire Council	x	x	x
Outdoor Learning Pathway	Implement the East Ayrshire Outdoor Learning Pathway to raise awareness of biodiversity issues and encourage greater integration of conservation within the Scottish curriculum	East Ayrshire Leisure, East Ayrshire Council	x	x	x
Review of provisional Wildlife Sites	Carry out a review of provisional wildlife sites to update	East Ayrshire Leisure, Scottish		x	x

	records and develop an action plan for each site	Natural Heritage			
Development of Local Nature Reserves	Identify any areas with existing or potential community interest or involvement which could be suitable as a Local Nature Reserve	East Ayrshire Leisure, Scottish Natural Heritage		x	x
Guided Walks and Events	Deliver an annual programme of countryside events throughout East Ayrshire	East Ayrshire Leisure	x	x	X
Elected Member Seminars	Develop an annual elected member seminar to raise awareness of East Ayrshire's biodiversity, protected species and planning systems	East Ayrshire Council, East Ayrshire Leisure	x	x	x
Biodiversity Questionnaire	Develop an annual questionnaire to monitor and evaluate the levels of awareness and understanding internally and externally	East Ayrshire Leisure	x	x	x

Biodiversity Workshops	Develop a programme of awareness raising workshops with East Ayrshire Council staff	East Ayrshire Leisure, East Ayrshire Council	x	x	x
Ecological Surveys	Continue to contribute to national and local survey campaigns	East Ayrshire Leisure, East Ayrshire Council	x	x	x

