

Draft Master Plan - West Devon Borough Council

Theme	Officer	Proposal	Level of influence (see chart to the right)	Doing now?	Annual Estimated Net potential Carbon Saving/Benefit	Annual Estimated Net potential Biodiversity Saving/Benefit	Timescale to implement (incl. current contract lengths)	Cost	Opportunity	Defer to Devon Carbon Plan	Progress	Link to Business Case (if required)	Reduce organisational footprint	Notes/ Suggestions	Members notes and suggestions
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Applying JLP policies (as well as other related policy and legislation) relating to development and the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity	1	Y	Med	Med	Ongoing	Low	Low	N	G				
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Do not use fertiliser, no weedkiller used on beds	1	Y	High	High	Ongoing	Low	Low	N	G				
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Produce c.50 tons of wood chip each year for use on shrub beds and under hedge lines, also have a bio shredder producing c.30 tons of compost that we also use on beds.	1	Y	High	High	Ongoing	Low	Low	N	G				
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Review own estate management in terms of Grounds Maintenance	1	N	High	High	2 years	Low	Low	N	R				
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Review GM layer and assess potential for amending to increase wildlife value balanced against amenity requirements (e.g. for short grass for dog walking/recreation, etc)	1	N	Med	Med	1 year	Low	Low	N	R				
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Relax cutting regimes – i.e. cut less often/vary leaving uncut majority, well cut margins, cut later in the year	1	N	Low	Low	1 year	Low	Low	N	R				
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Scrape sites, reseed with wildflower mix, annual cut, use mixes that increase soil carbon sequestration	1	N	Low	Low	1 year	Low	Low	N	R				
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Introduction of wildlife measures (e.g. hibernacula in appropriate sites, bird and bat boxes, bug hotels, etc)	1	N	Low	Low	2 year	Low	Low	N	R				
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	PR relating to purpose of any revised approach (e.g. managing community expectations and a level of complaint about 'unkempt/untidy' sites, lazy Councils, etc)	1	N	Low	Low	6 months	Low	Low	N	R				
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Look to reduce/eliminate weedkiller use on hard surfaces	1	N	High	High	6 months	Low	Low	N	R				
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Produce Natural Environment Design Guide to sit alongside the JLP and SPD as a guide for good design for biodiversity (amongst other ecosystem services) within new development	1	N	Med	High	1 year	Med	Low	N	R				
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Ensure the DBRC SLA is a revenue budget line (currently funded through 'new burdens money' contributing to safeguarding the Local Wildlife Sites network)	1	N	Med	Med	1 year	Med	Low	N	R				
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Put additional resource to a 'biodiversity officer' post – namely with respect to avoiding backlog of DM and consultation responses (i.e. to make sure no potential for missing responses) and ensuring policy is correctly and consistently applied, or potentially contribute to a shared DCC ecologist post for this purpose	1	N	High	High	6 months	High	High	N	R				

13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Potentially skim/apply a % management fee to offsite compensation/Biodiversity Net Gain payments (via s106) to part fund a new/existing role (there will be an additional pressure) in terms of findings sites to delivery this offsite habitat creation (which the LA could either buy and manage, or work in partnership with another, e.g. DWT, RSPB).	1	N	High	High	6 months	Med	Med	N	R
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Monitor work being undertaken by the PCC Green Estates team on their natural capital accounting tool, and seek to learn from this.	1	N	Low	Low	1 year	Low	Low	N	R
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Tweaking management of some sites within own estate likely to be quickest win – in terms of relaxing cutting regimes. (scraping/reseeding, etc, would take some more research about costs and suitability, and much more positive PR due to current level of complaints we receive about long grass!)	1	N	Med	Med	3 months	Low	Low	N	R
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Check potential for amending GM contract (in WD)	1	N	Med	Med	1 year	Low	Low	N	R
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Encourage the creation of living walls to encourage biodiversity also roof top bee hives and gardens - WD could potentially create these on viaducts?	1	N	Low	High	1 year	Low	High	N	R
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Fund forthcoming baseline mapping of the DNRN (critical in guiding future spend of £s generated from development towards offsite compensation and BNG measures)	2	N	Low	Low	1 year	Med	Low	N	R
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Consult Town and Parish Councils over changes to their practices	3	N	Low	Med	1 year	Low	Low	N	R
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Any new development led by SHWD to be exemplar (e.g. Building with Nature, bird and bat boxes, good design with GI, etc).	4	N	Med	Med	tbc	Med	Med	N	R
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Funding the Ancient Woodland Inventory review		Y	Low	Low	Ongoing	Med	Low	N	G
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Working with other LPAs across Devon to get ahead of the curve on Biodiversity Net Gain, including pushing the new Defra Biodiversity Metric 2.0 at pre-app for new applications		Y	Low	Med	Ongoing	Low	Low	N	G
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Increase in 'offsite compensation' and Biodiversity Net Gain measures to restore and create new habitat		N	Med	High	1 year	Low	Low	N	R
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Devon Nature Recovery Network mapping		N	Low	Med	1 year	Med	Low	N	R
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	JLP SPD (covering approach to BNG – first in Devon)		N	Med	Med	6 months	Low	Low	N	R
13 Biodiversity	Rob Sekula	Supporting mapping of local ecological networks/corridors within Neighbourhood Plans		N	Low	Med	1 year	Med	Low	N	R