

Report of the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the meeting to be held on Tuesday 17 April 2018

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Subject:

Biodiversity Scrutiny Review.

Summary statement:

The attached draft report contains the findings from the Biodiversity Scrutiny Review.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The attached draft report contains the findings from the Biodiversity Scrutiny Review.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on Tuesday 25 July 2017, the Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake a Scrutiny Review into Biodiversity.
- 2.2 The DRAFT Scrutiny Review report is attached as Appendix 1.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The key lines of enquiry for this scrutiny review are to:
- Examine ways in which Bradford Council can best utilise its own resources, both urban and rural (highway verges, street trees, parks, etc);
 - Consider areas which Bradford Council has an influence over, such as planning and land development;
 - Explore awareness-raising and education, through schools and with the public.

4. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE APPRAISAL

Recommendation 3 relates to Bradford Council, 'Friends of' Groups and partner organisations explore the funding streams that are available with the Environment Agency, through the Water Framework Directive.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7.6 TRADE UNION

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

All wards across the District are affected by Biodiversity.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

In considering how to progress this issue the Committee may wish to:

- Adopt or amend the findings and recommendations contained within the draft report;
- Forward their recommendations to the Executive, Council and / or other appropriate bodies.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee adopt the findings and recommendations contained within the draft Biodiversity Scrutiny Review Report.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Biodiversity Scrutiny Review Draft Report.