

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & BIODIVERSITY (NEB) ACTION PLAN

DELIVERY DASHBOARD

Key / Filter Tabs		Filter Tab <i>(Action reference number)</i>	S - Specific, M - Measurable, A - Achievable R - Realistic, T - Timebound  Targets should be set as appropriate and agreed between the SRO and delivery officers.	Red - Not started Yellow - In progress but not on track Green - In progress and on track Blue - Completed	L - Low M - Medium H - High Graded proportionally to corporate or community emissions as appropriate.	£ - Low cost ££ - Medium cost £££ - High cost Combined capital expenditure and operational expenditure.	No funding Partially funded Funding secured Budgeted
Overarching Actions (By 2030)	Actions (2024 - 2027)	SMART Targets	Progress Status	CO <sub>2</sub> e Saving Potential	Indicative Total Costs	Funding Status	
Primary Focus - Council Scope	NEB-1: Ensure Council land is managed to maximise carbon sequestration whilst meeting other land use requirements.	NEB-1.1: Audit Council owned land for sequestration potential.	Complete audit by 2025.	R	L	££	TBC
		NEB-1.2: Create a carbon sequestration strategy.	Strategy to be in place by 2026.	R	M	£	TBC
		NEB-1.3: Consider the acquisition of additional land to increase carbon sequestration capacity and support Council carbon offsetting if feasible.		R	M	£££	TBC
	NEB-2: Manage Council land to promote climate resilience and support biodiversity.	NEB-2.1: Develop and implement a rewilding scheme to enhance the biodiversity of new developments and existing assets where applicable.		R	M	££	TBC
		NEB-2.2: Ensure parks and recreational facilities are managed to increase biodiversity value and create new habitats.		R	L	££	TBC
		NEB-2.3: Ensure new Council planting schemes include plants and trees that are tolerant to pests and climate change.		R	L	£	TBC
Focus - District Scope	NEB-3: Work with communities, landowners, partners and local groups to make the natural environment more resilient to climate change.	NEB-3.1: Work with Hertfordshire County Council and local communities to retain existing street trees and vegetation that provide important cooling effects and develop projects for new planting.		R	L	£	TBC
		NEB-3.2: Set out guidance on greening within public realm schemes to help enhance carbon sinks and provide climate resilience benefits (e.g., shading and flood alleviation) as well as biodiversity co-benefits.		R	M	£	TBC

	<p>NEB-3.3:</p> <p>Ensure new developments include climate resiliency measures that support the natural environment including drought-resistant planting and connected green infrastructure through Local Plan policy.</p>		R	L	£	TBC
<p>NEB-4:</p> <p>Work with partners and communities to identify areas with opportunities to improve biodiversity and create new habitats.</p>	<p>NEB-4.1:</p> <p>Work with the Countryside Management Service (CMS) and Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust (HMWT) to implement the environmental actions of the Green Spaces Management Plan.</p>		R	M	££	TBC
	<p>NEB-4.2:</p> <p>Work with partners and/or officers to engage and educate the public on the value of conservation and habitat management including the use of pesticides and pollution control.</p>		R	L	£	TBC
	<p>NEB-4.3:</p> <p>Develop Planning Policy within the Local Plan to mandate developments support biodiversity, tree planting and encourage the creation of wildlife habitats and corridors.</p>		R	H	£	TBC
	<p>NEB-4.4:</p> <p>Implement the actions and objectives set out in the Tree Strategy.</p>		R	L	£	TBC
	<p>NEB-4.5:</p> <p>Work with Hertfordshire County Council to manage grass verges and trees along highways, and to reduce the use of glyphosate.</p>		R	L	££	TBC
	<p>NEB-4.6:</p> <p>Work with the Local Nature Partnership to help deliver the Nature Recovery Strategy.</p>		R	M	££	TBC
	<p>NEB-4.7:</p> <p>Progress the 'Revitalise the River Ver' project to transform and naturalise the River Ver and improve it's biodiversity.</p>		R	L	££	TBC
	<p>NEB-4.8:</p> <p>Remain open to requests to review the opportunity for creating pocket gardens, promoting tree planting and / or food growing on Council or third-party land.</p>		R	L	£	TBC
	<p>NEB-4.9:</p> <p>Work with the Joint Allotment Group to implement and uphold the allotment rules concerning pesticide use.</p>		R	L	£	TBC