**Reporting on Section 6**

 ***Community and Town Councils***

***Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6***

***The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty***

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| **The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty** **Report 2025** |
| **Name of Community or Town Council:** | Pontardawe Town Council |
| [**Group**](#NRAPENG)**:** | 3 |
| **Introduction and Context****The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires public bodies in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change. Although Pontardawe Town Council is not legally subject to the requirements of the Act, it places community wellbeing at the heart of all the decisions made, and works to support both the Welsh Government Well-being of Future Generations Act and the Neath Port Talbot Public Service Board well-being objectives.****The Pontardawe Town Council area covers Pontardawe and the surrounding communities of Rhyd-y-Fro, Ynysmeudwy, and Trebanos. It manages three Community Halls and three Children’s Parks. Pontardawe Town Council also manages an extensive portion of the public footpaths and bridleways on the unitary authorities behalf, while also managing a proportion of the Cwmdu Nature Reserve in collaboration with Neath Port Talbot Council.****Pontardawe Town Council is mainly funded through the local authority Precept. In 2024/25 the Precept was agreed at £233,988.00 which equated to £46 per household.****The Town Council has also been successful in obtaining funding via various grant provisions**  |
| **Action Report 2023 - 2025** |

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| **NRAP****Objective** | **Action carried out to…** | **Monitored by:** |
| **1** | -embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement | The Eco& Wellbeing Committee reports at each monthly Town Council meeting.  | Full Council  |
| -raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance | Publication of the Town Council’s projects to support biodiversity via the Annual Report and through the Town Council website and social media feeds throughout the year. Liaison with the Unitary Authority, thirds sector and Community groups in Partnership projects | Full Council |
| **2** | -safeguard principal species and habitats | Eco-management of all Town Council green spaces (Parks and Community Hall Exteriors) which includes retention of meadow areas, bee friendly management, placement of bird, bat and insect boxes. National Resource Wales and Neath Port Talbot Biodiversity Officers input into Nature Reserve management at Cwmdu including Ash dieback management, removal of invasive species and habit support  | Full Council  |
| **3** | -restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks | Eco-management of Cwmdu Glen in partnership with the Pontardawe Conservation volunteers. Eco-Management of Ynysmeudwy Park in partnership with the Friends of Ynysmeudwy Park and the George V Park refurbishment project in partnership with Neath Port Talbot Council and the Friends of George V Park | Full Council  |
| **4** | -tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species | Gelligron Common project financed via grant funding to address invasive species at Gellionen Common in partnership with the Pontardawe Conservation volunteers – Phase 1 completed 2025 (Expression of Interest submitted for grant funding to support phase 2) |  |
| **5** | -use improve and share evidence | Council representation on the Neath Port Talbot Nature forum |  |
| **6** | -support capacity and/or other organisations | Council representation on the Town/Community Council liaison committee, Pwllfawatkin, Cwmnant Lleici and Gwrhyd liaison committees and within the Arena/Riverside project |  |

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| **Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025** |
| What has worked well?  | **At Cwmdu:** Ash die-back tree maintenance project & partnership working with the Pontardawe Conservation Volunteers on volunteer engagement, path improvements invasive species removal, and habitat improvements **At Gellionen Common:** Partnership with the Pontardawe Conservation Volunteers and Green infrastructure Officers at Neath Port Talbot Council obtaining funding, and development of ways to tackle long standing invasive species issues.**At the Parks & Community hall exteriors:** Contractor eco-management, and liaison with Friends groups at both George V and Ynysmeudwy Park**Eco & Wellbeing:** Permeant agenda point have ensured projects are continually monitored. Issues identified quickly and flexibility has allowed effective management of projects to conclusion Continual review of available funding has ensured funding is effectively utilised when made available, with projects already identified for when funding pots become available eg: Christmas tree project, Gellionen & Cwmdu biodiversity project etc**Eco- Management:** Staff and Management continually review process and procedure to tackle negative factors and to improve working methods and practices i.e. late cutting, meadow areas, recycled furniture, buying local etc |
| What have the barriers been? | Funding for large improvement projects (Grant funding required but not always readily available)Park improvement model does not work satisfactorily in the parks without a ‘Friends’ groupVandalism of newly planted trees etcInformation on land owned by the Unitary Authority and its future plans not readily available so difficult to collaborate on planning.Delay on Place and Community Plan creation by Neath Port Talbot Council has led to uncertainty on the viability of projects within the Town Plan areaRestrictions caused by planning regulations/ neighbour objections |
| What will you change? | Continue to manage in line with currently successful outcomes. Introduce additional flexibility to address issues (i.e. alter projects that have been less successful to address the issues)Focus to alter slightly to larger scale projects to improve the efficiency of Community Halls. (Welsh Government Net-Zero goals) |
| How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed? | High Level statement published every three years. Eco and Wellbeing a fundamental part of Council agenda with projects supported by Council minutes that show actions, achievements, project completions and new projects |

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**Adrodd ar Adran 6**

***Cynghorau Tref a Chynghorau Cymuned***

***Deddf yr Amgylchedd (Cymru) 2016 Rhan 1 – Adran 6***

***Y Ddyletswydd Bioamrywiaeth a Chydnerthedd Ecosystemau***

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| **Adroddiad 2025****Ddyletswydd Bioamrywiaeth a Chydnerthedd Ecosystemau** |
| **Enw y Cyngor Tref neu Gymuned:** |  |
| [**Grŵp:**](#NRAPCYM) |  |
| **Cyflwyniad a'r Cyd-destun*** *Disgrifiad byr o'r Cyngor,* [*ei swyddogaethau a'r cyd-destun*](#NRAPCymraeg) *o ran*
* *sut y gallai helpu bioamrywiaeth (trwy ei swyddogaethau rheoli tir, cyllid grant, gweithgareddau addysgol e.e.)*
* *graddfa ofodol a lle (e.e. faint o dir mae'n ei gynnwys, poblogaeth, praesept?)*
* *cyflawni gwasanaethau i'r cyhoedd (e.e. a yw'n destun Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol?)*
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| **Adroddiad Gweithredu 2023 - 2025** |
| **Amcan NRAP** | **Camau gweithredu i...** | **Wedi eu monitro gan:** |
| **1** | -cynnwys bioamrywiaeth o fewn llunio penderfyniadau a chaffael |  |  |
| -codi ymwybyddiaeth o fioamrywiaeth a'i bwysigrwydd |  |  |
| **2** | -diogelu prif rywogaethau a chynefinoedd |  |  |
| **3** | -adfer & chreu cynefinoedd a rhwydweithiau ecolegol cydnerth |  |  |
| **4** | -mynd i'r afael ag elfennau negyddol: lleihau llygredd e.e. defnyddio atebion yn seiliedig ar natur, mynd i'r afael â rhywogaethau goresgynnol |  |  |
| **5** | -defnyddio gwella a rhannu tystiolaeth |  |  |
| **6** | -cefnogi capasiti ac/neu sefydliadau eraill |  |  |

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| **Arolwg o ddyletswydd Adran 6 2023 - 2025** |
| **Beth sydd wedi gweithio'n dda?**  |  |
| **Beth fu'r rhwystrau?**  |  |
| **Beth fyddwch yn ei newid?** |  |
| **Sut a phryd fydd y ddyletswydd Adran 6 yn cael ei monitro a'r cynllun Adran 6 wedi'i adolygu?** |  |

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