

Aberdeen City Council Nature Conservation Strategy Implementation Plan 2010-2015

NOTES

1. The following Implementation Plan contains tasks that will be carried out over five years for the Aberdeen City Council Nature Conservation Strategy 2010-2015.
2. Table A on page 2 contains the main Implementation Plan.
3. Table B on page 5 highlights both the strategy objectives and actions linked to each task within the Implementation Plan. (A full list of the strategy actions and objectives can also be found at the end of this document.)
4. Most tasks are specific (S), however, there are a few tasks which are general (G) and require further efforts to identify more specific works to fulfil that task. These will be included in a separate 'Programme of Work'.
5. Tasks which are marked as high priority (H) are key tasks and are judged to be the minimum that must be completed for the Nature Conservation Strategy to have any positive effect.
6. As reflected in the strategy, many tasks are interlinked, and some task could be included in the work associated with another task.
7. As a guide, each task has been noted for action against a specific year within the plan period. However, it may be that in certain circumstances work to carry out a task could begin prior to its allocated year within the plan.
8. At the end of each year over the five year period, the Programme of Work will be published to highlight which tasks have been initiated and which ones have been completed.

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Table A: Implementation Plan

Year	Task	General (G) or Specific (S)	Priority (H, M, L)
2010	1. Conduct Designated Sites Review Project	S	H
	2. Develop various Nature Conservation Guidance for Council staff	G	H
	3. Inform new Local Development Plan policy for natural heritage	S	H
	4. Develop various Supplementary Planning Guidance on nature conservation for developers	G	H
	5. Negotiate Developer Contributions for nature conservation	S	H
	6. Identify and implement Nature Conservation projects that benefit Communities	G	M
	7. Create and implement Urban North East Scotland Local Biodiversity Action Plans (NELBAPs)	G	H
	8. Develop Council Nature Conservation Communication Plan	S	H

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2011	9. Conduct Non-Designated Sites Review Project	S	H
	10. Update Designated Sites Mapping Information	G	M
	11. Create Public Nature Conservation Communication Plan	S	H
	12. Develop initiatives to promote the sharing of knowledge	G	H
2012	13. Conduct Council Management Plan Review project	S	M
	14. Develop Staff Nature Conservation training plan	S	H
	15. Develop various information leaflets for public	G	M
2013	16. Conduct review of Transformation Project for Grounds Maintenance	S	M
	17. Conduct 'Control of Invasive Species Review' project	S	M

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2014	18. Develop various Nature Conservation guidance for public	G	M
	19. Develop Council Nature Planting Scheme policy	S	H
	20. Assist in developing Management Plans for private land owners	G	L
2015	21. Create 'Projects and Business Sponsorship' initiative	S	L
	22. Create 'Best Wildlife Garden' competition	S	L

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RELATED STRATEGY OBJECTIVES

1. Protect, preserve and enhance Aberdeen's natural heritage
2. Sustainably manage Aberdeen's natural heritage
3. Involve communities in caring for Aberdeen's natural heritage
4. Promote a greater understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of Aberdeen's natural heritage

RELATED STRATEGY ACTIONS

1. Maintain data on Aberdeen's natural heritage
2. Maintain the integrity of designated sites including identifying 'at risk' sites and restoring their value
3. Protect and enhance biodiversity in areas which are not designated
4. Increase the availability and ecological value of wildlife corridors
5. Seek opportunities to maintain, restore or enhance biodiversity associated with physical development
6. Consider and include nature conservation in all Council projects
7. Establish ways to make Council operational activities more beneficial to biodiversity
8. Seek ways of encouraging private land owners and businesses to adopt nature conservation practices
9. Manage invasive and non-native species which cause negative impacts on biodiversity
10. Influence site specific management plans fit for purpose
11. Establish ways of encouraging the public to improve biodiversity in their own gardens
12. Seek ways of encouraging nature conservation in community gardens and allotments
13. Work with health and education facilities to promote wildlife gardens
14. Encourage communities in partnership working to deliver nature conservation projects
15. Encourage citizens and communities to document and share knowledge
16. Improve Council staff knowledge and understanding of the importance of nature conservation in delivering their function
17. Increase public awareness of the benefits of nature conservation
18. Seek opportunities to improve access to natural heritage sites
19. Increase tourism through promoting the City's natural heritage
20. Promote and encourage responsible access to the City's natural heritage