

EEAP Update April 2022

Ecological Emergency Action Plan - Update April 2022

Theme	High Level Narrative for BCC Action Plan	Ref	Work Area	BCC Activity	2021 - 2022	2022- 2023	2023- 2025	RAG RATING	Comments on progress
Leadership	To address the ecological issues alongside social, economic and environmental issues requires joined up and ambitious policy, guidance and funding. Working in partnership to promote high standards and leading by example on our asset programmes and development projects	A.1	National Government	Lobby government for support through strategy, cooperative action, guidance, regulation & funding.				GREEN	Responded to government consultation on Local Nature Recovery Strategies and Biodiversity Net Gain outlining need for additional resources and need to provide clear guidance on how links with existing and review of current planning policy.
Leadership		A.2	International partnerships	Engage with Eurocities & international cities/partnerships to understand and share knowledge/practice that is beneficial to Bristol's nature and demonstrates the councils leadership.				GREEN	Active participation in Biodiversity and Green Space working group regarding biodiversity metrics , Green City Accord and Urban Green Plans. Successful bid to Biocities Innovator challenge for NHC nature citizen science work. Also submitted challenge to World Data League to map Bristol dark ecological network. Shared pesticide work with Core Cities to share learning.
Leading by Example		A.3	Biodiversity Net Gain	Endorsement of 'Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environment Management, Biodiversity Net Gain Good Principles for Development' for council projects				AMBER	This will be considered as part of standards for making space for nature in GI Strategy and or Sustainability Improvement Plan
Leading by Example		A.4	Biodiversity Net Gain duty	Endorsement of an organisational framework and action plan approach to Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) implementation				AMBER	Proposed to create new BNG Framework as part of EE Reserve funding
Training	To ensure council staff and members have sufficient knowledge and skills is key to embedding nature based evidence in decision making across the council	C.1	Ecological Emergency literacy	Develop an in-house training programme on biodiversity legislation and ecological emergency for officers across all departments and levels, and councillors including training module.				GREEN	Learning modules created and uploaded to Learning Hub - LGA Biodiversity for councils and in house created 'micro-learns@ 10-15 mins each with tasks
Training		C.2	Ecological Emergency literacy	Coordinate and facilitate in house workshop sessions on Biodiversity Net Gain requirements, delivery (including habitat banking, monitoring, assessment) and opportunities for the Council to deliver nature recovery through BNG.				AMBER	Proposed to create BNG Framework, as part of EE Reserve Funding,that will include identifying training needs.
Evidence	To make sure the council has appropriate evidence and data to embed consideration of ecological issues and inform decision making across the organisation. This is essential and needs to be developed in partnership with those who have expertise and who will apply it..	D.1	Baseline	Coordinate analysis of Bristol's Ecological network in partnership with One City EE Strategy partners (One City EES Action)				GREEN	Working Group commissioned options report. Report completed August 2021. Commissioning of ecological modelling completed with work expected to start May 2022.
Evidence		D.2	Baseline	Coordinate establishment of the Bristol Wildlife Index in partnership with One City Partners, to provide baseline and track change towards 2030 (One City EES Action)				GREEN	One City EE Wildlife Index Working group formalised in June 2021 have drafted list of species. Task group (Univ of Bristol/BRERC/BCC) now collating data from various sources .
Evidence		D.3	Data management/ monitoring	Work with partners to establish a West of England shared and managed data platform for sharing West of England data. This is to be kept updated, reviewed and used for monitoring progress. To obtain mapping/data necessary to respond to new regulations and requirements.				GREEN	Joint working through WoE Environment Officers Steering Group. Initial scoping work undertaken by WECA. Bristol Options report on Ecological Network mapping shared as includes Nature Recovery Portal that may be model for WoE.
Space for Nature	Action needs to be taken across the council and with partners, to create additional space, and better management of existing space to benefit nature, at local, landscape and regional scale.	E.1	Funding	Identify funds that might be used to deliver wildlife and habitat enhancement through neighbourhood/community activity.				GREEN	As part of the West of England Combined Authority we have approved the Community Pollinator Fund (£1.45m) which local communities will be able to apply to.
Space for Nature		E.2	Funding	Support action by citizens – EE in Community Grants Scheme (2021 launch),				GREEN	Launched March 2022. First round opens 9th May 2022 for grants up to £5000.
Space for Nature		E.3	Funding	Use Bristol Future Parks to invite support and investment to progress nature recovery projects		TBC	TBC	GREEN	Expression of interest opened on 25th Oct 2021 to receive community ideas including nature based projects. EOI stage closed and applications subject to review.

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Space for Nature		E.4	Funding/ landscape scale/partnership delivery	Review River Frome Reconnected Landscape Enterprise Network pilot recommendations			TBC	TBC	LENs scheme not underway yet thus cannot pilot recommendations
Space for Nature		E.5	Landscape scale/partnership delivery	Ensure representation and integration with WECA/WoE initiatives that have /could have potential to benefit wildlife including strategic GI projects, Biodiversity Net Gain, Tree and Woodland Strategy delivery, Green Recovery Challenge Fund bids				GREEN	On going work with partnerships and development of WoE wide work including policy, plans and projects. Number of WoE bids submitted for delivery of strategy actions. WECA Green Recovery Fund identified £10m for strategic GI programmes. Bristol Avon Catchment Market launched.
Space for Nature		E.6	Landscape scale/partnership delivery	Work in partnership with the Bristol Avon Catchment Partnership to identify and develop measures within the wider catchment				GREEN	On going. New work includes developing a BACP Fish Recovery Plan. BACP Plan 2022-2027 launched 30.3.22
Space for Nature		E.7	Landscape scale/partnership delivery	Commit to Avonmouth Severnside Enterprise Area (ASEA) ecology mitigation and flood defence project. This exemplar scheme has potential to assist shaping other schemes delivery of nature recovery.				GREEN	On going. see www.asea-flood-ecology.co.uk/news/
Space for Nature		E.8	Landscape scale/partnership delivery	Identify and establish future landscape scale projects and partnerships within the region.				GREEN	WoE GI Working Group has identified strategic GI projects including Bristol and Somerset Downs (inc Dundry/Stockwood Vale/ Gordano Wetland Valley and Failand plateau.
Space for Nature		E.9	Landscape scale/partnership delivery	Promote Nature Based Solutions beyond tree-planting & flood prevention through e.g. Living Roofs initiatives				GREEN	Current heat resilience work and ecological network mapping will identify opportunities.
Space for Nature	Increase in local food growing that is managed for wildlife, as part of effective green infrastructure, maintains soil quality and provides habitat for a wider range of species including pollinators that are essential to human life.	E.10	Food growing	Commission study into upscaling of nature friendly food growing linking with allotments, small holdings, parks and green spaces.				COMPLETED	Completed - Summary document, compliant with accessibility standards produced by Bristol Design in consistent style to Going For Gold submission
Space for Nature		E.11	Food growing	Review Allotment Strategy to recognise their importance for wildlife (good habitats for reptiles and pollinators) and promote opportunities for addressing ecological emergency.				GREEN	Being undertaken earlier than EEAP stated. Allotments and small holdings strategy due for consultation summer 2022. Possibility of an Allotment Forum Wildlife sub group being considered.
Space for Nature		E.12	Food growing	Investigate evidence need and options to establish nature friendly Local Plan policies for food systems and supporting practice guidance.				GREEN	3 food policies drafted and other sustainable food policies in development.
Space for Nature	Connectivity and quality of green and blue space is key to creating networks where nature can thrive and supports the creation of development and urban regeneration that delivers benefits for wildlife and people. The Bristol Green Infrastructure Strategy together with other strategies and plans, new and revised policies including the Liveable Neighbourhoods policy, will enable planning and management of green infrastructure that is crucial to sustainable healthy living.	E.13	Blue & Green Infrastructure - Strategy	Develop a 'Blue Green Bristol' Green Infrastructure Strategy and Action Plan for the city stemming from the WoE Joint Green Infrastructure Strategy				AMBER	Outline brief prepared - EE Reserve funding proposed subject to Cabinet approval June 22
Space for Nature		E.14	Blue & Green Infrastructure - Existing Planning Policy	Review and strengthen BCC practice guidance for green infrastructure and biodiversity (including approach to living roof and walls).				AMBER	To be addressed as part of GI Strategy commission.
Space for Nature		E.15	Blue & Green Infrastructure - Local Plan Review	Ensure Green Infrastructure principles are reflected within wider local plan policies including transport and housing.				AMBER	To be addressed as part of GI Strategy commission.
Space for Nature		E.16	Blue & Green Infrastructure - Standards	Contribute officer time to NE National GI Standards Framework WoE Pilot Nov 2020 - Feb 2021 and beyond to further test and pilot WoE JGIS, National GI Standards, Biodiversity Net Gain metric, Building with Nature.				COMPLETED	Completed - Officers attended national workshops with regard mapping and user guide being developed by NE. NE Framework due to launch April 2022
Space for Nature		E.17	Blue & Green Infrastructure -Local Plan Review	Establish benchmarking policy/ principles using e.g. new national GI Standards and Building with Nature				AMBER	To be addressed as part of GI Strategy commission.

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Space for Nature		E.18	Blue & Green Infrastructure - BCC projects	Apply Building with Nature into construction briefs for new development at Knowle West Health Park site and New Fosseway site.				AMBER	An outline planning application has been submitted on New Fosseway site (Ref: 22/01199/PB). The development proposals submitted are targeting Building with Nature 'Design' Accreditation. The proposals demonstrate (in the summary concept plans) BwN standards and how a 10% Biodiversity Net gain can be achieved. Knowle Health Park removed from pipeline and will no longer come forward for housing.
Space for Nature		E.19	Blue & Green Infrastructure - Development Management	Implementation of planning policies and practice guidance for green infrastructure/biodiversity through the planning application process, supported by new practice guidance.				GREEN	Local plan policies for nature conservation are being implemented with reference to national planning policy. New policies for biodiversity are being prepared with the Local Plan Working Group.
Space for Nature		E.20	Blue & Green Infrastructure - Highways/ Strategic City Transport	Embed Natural Streets/ Green Grid, Grey to Green and blue/green corridor approaches within highways, transport, flood risk plans, policies and strategies. Specifically the forthcoming revision to the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy				AMBER	The update to the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy has been delayed due to resource pressures and emerging guidance. Will also be linked with GI Strategy
Space for Nature		E.21	Blue green infrastructure	Progress Bedminster Green River Restoration project -River restoration to improve the Malago riverscape for amenity and biodiversity gain, as well as flood risk management. Associated with the Bedminster Green regeneration				GREEN	The Bedminster Green River Restoration project is progressing well and is currently in detailed design stage.
Space for Nature	Biodiversity Net Gain is to become Environment Act requirement that will require the council to update planning policies and practice guidance to ensure delivery at least 10% net gain for biodiversity.	E.22	Biodiversity Net Gain - Existing Planning Policy	Existing Local Plan - prepare Biodiversity Net Gain practice guidance to support local plan and national planning policy requirements in response to Environment Act.				AMBER	EE Reserve funding proposes the BNG framework etc progress this work
Space for Nature		E.23	Biodiversity Net Gain - Local Plan Review	Update Local Plan to include new policy approach to Biodiversity Net Gain and update green infrastructure policy accordingly.				AMBER	EE Reserve funding proposes the BNG framework etc progress this work
Space for Nature		E.24	Biodiversity Net Gain - Evidence	Commission survey of BCC Sites of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI) to inform evidence for ecological network and Biodiversity Net Gain work.				COMPLETED	Completed: Survey completed and being used to inform opportunities for nature in Parks and Green spaces
Space for Nature		E.25	Biodiversity Net Gain - Implementation	Establish policy and procedure for Biodiversity Net Gain offsetting on Council land holding (parks and green space, highway land, property land, housing delivery, and potential acquisition of sites on urban fringe to deliver at scale. (See also E26)				AMBER	EE Reserve funding proposes the BNG framework etc progress this work
Space for Nature		E.26	Biodiversity Net Gain - Implementation	Commission a report to identify suitable reptile receptor sites on Council owned sites and non council owned sites (see also E25). Report to be undertaken with other landowners including Network Railway and Highways England.				AMBER	No current resource but consideration will be given as part of BNG Framework
Space for Nature		E.27	Biodiversity Net Gain - Local Plan Review	Check/ update DM17 Bristol Tree Replacement Standard ensuring clarity alongside any new Biodiversity Net Gain policy/legislation				AMBER	To be checked at appropriate time in Local Plan process
Space for Nature		E.28	Biodiversity Net Gain - Development Management	Establish requirements and reporting processes for Biodiversity Reporting Framework in readiness for Environment Act.				AMBER	EE Reserve funding proposes the BNG framework etc progress this work
Space for Nature		E.29	Biodiversity Net Gain - Regeneration/Strategic Transport	Embed Biodiversity Net Gain approaches within capital programme and within corporate projects at inception and through all phases. Benchmark key projects using eg Building with Nature.				GREEN	Biodiversity net gain being included in the framework mentioned in E29.

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Space for Nature	Recognising the contribution individual sites and locations (blue and green) make to the existing ecological network will support the delivery of the Nature Recovery Network and enhance the delivery of wider benefits for wildlife, people and place.	E.30	Nature Recovery Network	New BCC freehold property leases to protect/ manage council natural environment interests.				GREEN	New 35 year lease to Avon Wildlife Trust from 11.09.20 at Stapleton of 4.63 hectares for wildlife conservation and local food growing, New 25 year lease to Blaise community garden of former derelict kitchen garden for the restoration of the site for community use, nature conservation and local food growing, New proposed wetland habitat at Hallen Marsh of 150 acres - joint project between BCC, Environment Agency and South Gloucestershire Council
Space for Nature		E.31	Nature Recovery Network	Ecological enhancements will be a key part of the capital programme development process. Identify and implement ecological enhancements in new capital projects.				GREEN	Beta version of new sustainability framework includes objectives and metrics to support ecological enhancement on capital projects. Framework is about to be piloted on a number of projects being delivered by the Strategic Partner.
Space for Nature		E.32	Nature Recovery Network	Identify opportunities for ecological enhancements on council buildings/ facilities as part of Climate Resilience Estate Project.				GREEN	Climate Resilient Estate Strategy and Delivery Plan Report presented to Project Board 21st Jan 2022. Highlighted need for GI Strategy and relevance of Ecological Network mapping info to inform estate decision making.
Space for Nature		E.33	Nature Recovery Network	Identify locations for habitat creation and enhancement as part of Bristol Local Nature Recovery Network that contributes to the West of England Nature Recovery Network and green infrastructure functions, and Biodiversity Net Gain off setting.				GREEN	Parks have produced online information Nature Recovery Leaflet (bristol.gov.uk). Further opportunities to be considered through outputs from the One City Ecological Network Modelling, and as the council develops its BNG Framework
Space for Nature		E.34	Nature Recovery Network	Undertake ecological surveys of Highway land, to inform changes in management to increase biodiversity.				AMBER	EE Reserve funding proposes habitat surveys included within Parks managing green space for nature project and One City Ecological Network modelling work being undertaken will assist identify which highway land is priority for enhancement.
Space for Nature		E.35	Nature Recovery Network	Renew the Parks and Green Space Strategy, setting out policies, principles and actions for nature-rich parks and green spaces. Include principles that support nature projects in parks and reference to Biodiversity Net Gain off-setting principles/opportunities				GREEN	PGSS consultation currently being undertaken
Space for Nature		E.36	Nature Recovery Network - operational	Change operational management of parks, green spaces and amenity areas to benefit nature, where appropriate, and contribute to the Nature Recovery Network .				GREEN	New one year secondment post - 'pesticide reduction and managing green space for nature' leading on this. This is focusing on land currently managed by the Parks Service (including some highways and housing land). The project is identifying the most effective changes that may be made to better manage for nature, whilst ensuring the required functions of parks are not overly compromised such that visitors are deterred. The project will set out recommendations/options to progress changes in February 2022 following a public engagement/consultation process. The outputs from the Parks Nature Recovery project, and the One City Ecological Network Modelling will be fed into this project to inform spatial priorities.
Space for Nature		E.37	Nature Recovery Network - operational	Verge management as part of Grounds Maintenance Review -nature conservation management, will consider baseline, priority areas, logistics and costs				GREEN	This is being addressed through the 'pesticide reduction and managing space for nature' project, so will be delivered as in E36
Space for Nature		E.38	Nature Recovery Network - Wild meadows	Scale up / relaunch Meadow Bristol; Sponsor a Meadow initiative for parks green spaces, highway verges, central reservations, roundabouts				GREEN	Will follow on from the 'pesticide reduction and managing green space for nature' project, as that project will identify where the opportunities are for Meadow Bristol.

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Space for Nature		E.39	Nature Recovery Network -Harbour	Harbour Waterspace (part of Waterspace West - WoE strategic GI project) framework for coordination of various work including the Harbour Operations Review and the Harbour Strategy. These will include environmental opportunities including ecological safeguarding and improvements to environmental quality.				GREEN	This work is progressing with Harbour Operations Review report due and links with Harbour Place Shaping Vision work that includes biodiversity work package. An eDNA survey to identify fish baseline is underway with first samples taken Feb 2022
Space for Nature		E.40	Nature Recovery Network - lighting	Consider Bat friendly lighting in the Lighting Strategy				GREEN	N/A until 23/24 - potential of larger LED and CMS project which will change the strategy and policy of lighting in the city but also allow flexibility to manage lighting with regards wildlife. Central Management System (CMS) allows full control of lights remotely and can install individual dimming regimes to certain locations if required eg for bats.
Space for Nature	Trees and Woodland deliver significant benefit to nature, people and place. They are a key element of the ecological network and green infrastructure. Managing existing trees and woodlands and also delivering on the significant targets set by government and the West of England (WoE) Nature Recovery Strategy requires strategy, partnership work and investment.	E.41	Trees and Woodlands	Input and endorse a renewed 'Forest of Avon Plan': a tree and woodland strategy for the West of England'				COMPLETED	Completed . https://wenp.org.uk/the-forest-of-avon-plan-a-tree-and-woodland-strategy-for-the-west-of-england/
Space for Nature		E.42	Trees and Woodlands	Develop a council tree and woodland strategy integral to the Bristol Blue-Green Infrastructure Strategy				GREEN	Funding allocated from EE Reserve Briefing on scope and headline actions done 28th March Next steps: Partners input into scope and plan development 25th April Establish council governance board Preparation of brief for tree and woodland strategy One City Environment Board 9th June to determine One City governance role.
Space for Nature		E.43	Trees and Woodlands	Establish city approach to Ash Dieback and other plant diseases				GREEN	Plan prepared - awaiting funding and communication plan
Space for Nature		E.44	Trees and Woodlands	Coordinate work with Replant Bristol/ One Tree schemes				GREEN	Re-plant partners re-engaged and due to meet 25th April to discuss development of a Bristol tree and woodland strategy and tree planting plan
Space for Nature		E.45	Trees	Establish processes for new Highway Authority street tree duties within the Environment Act				GREEN	Environment Act Requires council to consult on all tree removals unless an exemption applies. No government guidance available yet on what the consultation process requires
Pesticides	To reduce the use of pesticides by at least 50% .This is a One City Ecological Emergency Strategy goal that requires the council to review their own usage.	F.1	Pesticides	Review the Councils use of pesticides and progress the search for alternatives, identifying the benefits and costs of each'				GREEN	Task and Finish cross service group established , collated baseline for volume used for 20/21. Secondment post progressing the development of reduction plan.
Water quality	To improve water quality and the habitat of the water environment is key aspect of the ecological network and nature recovery. This can be achieved by using mechanisms such as Sustainable urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) and through design of flood defence schemes. By working together with established water focused partnerships we can maximise the significant benefits for wildlife.	G.1	Blue & Green infrastructure/ Partnership delivery	Support the Devon & Severn Inshore Fisheries Authority to sustainably manage fisheries and protect estuarine habitats				GREEN	On going
Water quality		G.2	Blue & Green infrastructure/ Flood Risk	Embed biodiversity planning and Nature Based Solutions within Local Flood Risk Management Strategy work				AMBER	Update to the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy delayed due to resourcing issues and emerging guidance
Water quality		G.3	Blue & Green infrastructure/ Flood Risk	Embed nature based SuDS approaches within highway drainage schemes				GREEN	Highway SuDS have recently been delivered in Southmead
Water quality		G.4	Blue & Green infrastructure/ Flood Risk	Embed multi-benefit SuDS approach in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment				COMPLETED	Complete: This has now been included in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
Water quality		G.5	Blue & Green infrastructure/ Flood Risk	Establish better maintenance regime for BCC-owned SuDS				GREEN	Work with Parks and Highways colleagues has sought to address previous maintenance issues and new arrangements have been put in place to trial

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Communication and engagement	To collect, share and interpret data to ensure it is accessible to a wide audience is crucial to engaging others in nature recovery management and reporting change	H.1	Share data	Work closely with other organisations and agencies to i)share and interpret data, ii) engage the public in wildlife monitoring schemes through digital and practical initiatives including citizen science projects, and iii) help monitor changes in attitudes to wildlife locally, or perception of how wildlife-rich places are including use of Quality of Life Survey.				GREEN	Wildlife Index work has progressed with partners. Proposal for citizen science hub being developed in partnership with Natural History Consortium. Quality of Life Survey now includes creating space for nature question.
Communication and engagement		H.2	Share data	Work closely with Bristol Museums to share taxonomic, data management expertise, to deposit or access voucher specimens and to establish a stronger historical base on which to assess change.				GREEN	Crowd sourcing as a way to progress data extraction from historic specimens is being trialled this summer (2022). New acquisition of herbarium material is providing even greater data source.
Communication and engagement		H.3	Share data	Release rich historic biodiversity data locked in ~0.75 million local and global biological specimens to open platform research databases (BRERC, NBN, GBIF)				GREEN	Crowd sourcing approach if successful in summer 2022 will open the opportunity to supply this data to these other national and international platforms
Communication and engagement		H.4	Engagement	Embed engagement, learning and participation programme helping connect all citizens with Bristol's natural heritage, through the city's collections, archives & cultural spaces.				GREEN	The <i>Think Global Act Bristol</i> exhibition at M Shed in the summer of 2022 will raise the profile of the environmental agenda with the public in a new way encompassing climate and ecological concerns and solutions.
Communication and engagement	To support diverse access to our city's natural heritage through museum engagement spaces and programme will encourage learning and awareness of local and global ecological importance and facilitate research.	H.5	Engagement	Develop focus on engagement with global ecological crisis through the prism of Bristol's colonial past, to empower across-city actions rooted in knowledge of history, diverse perspectives and environmental justice.				GREEN	<i>Extinction Silences: exploring legacies of colonial violence and new ecological possibilities</i> , is a new project which has just been awarded a substantial grant from the Esmee Fairbairn Trust and is directly linked to this aim.
Communication and engagement		H.6	Engagement	Re-establish links between the museum's natural history collections and BRERC, to extend the historic evidence base and stories of our city's wildlife (1770s-present day).				GREEN	Ongoing collaboration between the BRERC and curatorial teams is developing our ability to provide the historic basis to the contemporary data collection.
Communication and engagement		H.7	Engagement	Establish Bristol Culture as a UK museum sector lead in ecological crisis				GREEN	Bristol Culture is the only LA service to be part of the Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities (CETAF) and is also a key member of the Distributed Natural Science Collections group in the UK.
Communication and engagement	To communicate the value of nature by working in partnership, sharing information and best practice. This will encourage others to engage in similar work. Whilst the EEAP is a Bristol City Council document, to deliver on the councils ambition to make a difference for nature, it will only succeed by working with others at every stage and challenging others to take similar steps.	H.8	Communication & Engagement	Develop guidance and toolkits to production companies contracted by Bristol Film Office to work on location in Bristol that will enable more environmentally friendly working practices				GREEN	Tool kit in production
Communication and engagement		H.9	Communication & Engagement	Identify appropriate channels for communicating the value of nature, exploring opportunities, listening to concerns and developing plans appropriately, working in partnership to achieve this. Key element of this will be working with Natural History Consortium as coordinator for delivery of the OCEES.				GREEN	Grant agreement with Natural History Consortium includes communication plan for One City EE implementation. Additional External Comms Officer resource secured October 21
Communication and engagement		H.10	communication & Engagement	Develop the councils Ecological Emergency web page to include updates on plan progress including targets, and links to information to assist ward councillors identify action and opportunities in their communities.				GREEN	Work planned with external comms and Parks to provide updates on council work on space for nature, pesticides and tree planting. Parks produced online information Nature Recovery leaflet https://www.bristol.gov.uk/policies-plans/strategies/bristol-ecological-emergency

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Wider Footprint	To understand and seek ways to reduce our use and consumption of products is crucial so that we do not undermine the health of wildlife and ecosystems beyond the city.	I.1	Events management	Review guidance and policy regarding events and engage wider arts and culture sector response				GREEN	External events consultant engaged to develop a decision making process/framework that supports decision making behind larger festivals and music events - includes developing and producing site guides for outdoor events and updating outdoor event guidance with specific information related to how organisers will need to protect the local ecology & environment.
Wider Footprint		I.2	Film &TV production	Use The Bottle Yard Studios & Bristol Film Office Sustainability Strategy & Action Plan to monitor the impact of the studios and local film/TV production on natural eco-systems and implement changes to support ecological sustainability.				AMBER	Yet to start
Wider Footprint		I.3	Film &TV production	Influence production teams working at The Bottle Yard Studios and on location in Bristol to complete recommended industry training to address wider sector impact on wildlife and the environment.				AMBER	Yet to start
Wider Footprint		I.4	Procurement	Development of Sustainable Procurement Policy (which includes identifying opportunities to reduce biodiversity impacts through supply chain management and controls)				COMPLETED	Complete Endorsed at Cabinet February 2022. Policy statement and toolkit of environmental requirements which include ecological considerations
Wider Footprint		I.5	Procurement	Establish organisational ecological footprint and measurement tool around actions to support the Sustainable Procurement Policy				GREEN	Linking with Climate Team regarding carbon accounting. There is no requirement to measure ecological footprint yet but could come as a result of Biodiversity targets in Environment Act.
Wider Footprint		I.6	Procurement	Produce guidance for suppliers around Sustainable Procurement				GREEN	Supplier guidance already exists for carbon related measures but not for ecological aspects. Awaiting DEFRA guidance to accompany the biodiversity net gain targets connected to the Environment Act. E-learning pack 'Buying sustainably' has been released for council employees. One supplier awareness session held with signposting to resources.