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Action 9	Contribute towards State of Nature and National Recovery Network for Somerset by identifying opportunities to connect existing Council land assets to wildlife corridors, and improving the landscape's resilience to climate change.											
9.1	Work with partners within the LNP to map beelines (Buglife) as part of pollinator action plan and LNRS.	Short	SDC/ SWT					1	3	1d/3d	Support	
9.2	Work with partners to develop a Land Management Strategy to protect and enhance soils through more regenerative agricultural processes (CNCR 112).	Short						1	3	1b/3d	Support	
9.3	Work with town and parish Councils and community groups to develop, co-ordinate, support and train a Community Nature Network of volunteers to help deliver the NRN (CNCR 284, links to CNCR 143).	Short							3	4	3d/4a	Support

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9.4	Work with partners to establish a "Wilder Somerset Fund" aiming for a combined pot of £500,000 per year to deliver the actions of the Nature Recovery Network (CNCR 290).	Short								3	3d	Support
9.5	Support efforts to secure land that will contribute to NRN and large landscape-scale projects.	Long	SDC/ SWT	9.5.1	Work with partners to seek long-term phosphate mitigation	Long	SWT	1		3	1a/3d	Support
9.6	Work with the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust to create large-scale wetland habitats at The Meads Eco Park, Bridgwater .	Immediate	SDC					1	2a		1b/ 1c/2a	Deliver
Action 10	Work with Somerset Wildlife Trust; Exmoor National Park Authority, Quantock Hills AONB, Blackdowns Hills AONB, Mendips AONB and other Council allies across Somerset in a co-ordinated approach to delivering shared goals such as Peat Action Plan and Tree strategy, pollinator action plan, and biosecurity and invasive species control											
10.1	Provide funding to Exmoor National Park to help deliver SWT tree planting objective.	Immediate	SWT					1		3	1a/1b/3d	Enable

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10.2	Work with partners to develop a Somerset Land Use Strategy comprising of a soil strategy, water quality strategy, peat strategy, land use capacity/potential, planning for sea level rise (CNCR action 289).	Short	SDC/ SWT	10.2.1	Work with Somerset County Council and other NE County Wide to deliver nutrient catchment management plan	Short	SDC/ SWT	3	3d	Support	
10.3	Work with partners to set out how to restore peatlands in Somerset by establishing a Peat Partnership, revitalising the Somerset Levels and Moors Peatland Task Force and working with the IUCN Peatland Programme (CNCR 130).	Immediate	SDC/ SWT	10.3.1	Support initiatives that help peat based businesses find alternative business models.	Immediate to Short	SDC/ SWT	1	3	1a/3d	Support
10.4	Work with partners to deliver Somerset Forest (ring around the Levels) (CNCR 344).	Short	SDC/ SWT					1		1a	Support

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10.5	Identify opportunities with partners and create nature-based projects that enhance coastal and offshore biodiversity e.g. salt marshes.	Short	SDC/ SWT					1	3	1a/3d	Support

Action 11	Work with partners to deliver good water and soil quality and healthy aquatic (including wetlands) and terrestrial habitats											
11.1	Work with partners and local groups to deliver actions which address the issues of nitrate and phosphate loading on RAMSAR sites.	Immediate	SDC/ SWT	11.1.1	Work with partners to seek longterm phosphate mitigation measures.	Long	SWT	1	3	1a/3d	Support	
				11.1.2	Support best farming practices and promote to farmers through partners.	Immediate to Short	SDC/ SWT	1	3	1a/3d	Support	
				11.1.3	Develop Cotford St Luke into a wetland habitat as part of Phosphate Mitigation Interim measures and put into place appropriate long term management plans.	Medium	SWT	1	2	3	1c/2a/3a	Deliver

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Action 12	Work with Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership and other partners to support businesses help deliver nature recovery through their operations and supply chains									
12.1	Work with partners to encourage green business/technology / green jobs into district using Somerset's USP; university links (links to CNCR 89? 337 and 338).	Immediate	SDC/ SWT					3	3d	Enable
12.2	Support the LNP to develop a communications campaign to sell the economic case for landowners and farmers changing land use/ management practices (CNCR 114, 280, 281, and 282).	Immediate	SDC/ SWT					3	3d	Support
12.3	Signpost/support businesses to best practices to deliver ecological protection (links to CNCR 92, 242 and 244).	Short	SDC/ SWT	12.3.1	Review options to incentivise businesses to take action for the wildlife e.g. grant opportunities/ tool and resources.	Immediate - Short	SDC/ SWT	3	3d	Enable

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			SDC/ SWT	12.3.2	Support Leisure and tourism sector to support nature recovery e.g. avoidance of single use plastics.	Immediate - Short	SDC/ SWT			4	4d	Support
12.4	Work with partners to develop a University in Taunton and Research and Innovation Park at Taunton with a focus on the circular economy, innovation in manufacturing processes, and delivering carbon neutrality and ecological recovery in the South West (adapted from CNCR 337).	Medium	SWT							3	3d	Enable
Action 13	Lobby government to support ecological enhancement and protection.											
13.1	Lobby Government to introduce a national ban on peat extraction (CNCR action 129).	Immediate	SWT					1		3	1b/3e	lobby

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13.2	Lobby Highways England to plant hedges along the M5 motorway (CNCR 116).	Immediate	SWT					1	3	1b/3e	lobby
13.3	Lobby government to get water companies to do necessary work to remove Phosphates.	Immediate	SDC/ SWT					1	3	1b/3e	lobby
13.4	Identify other key areas to lobby for wildlife enhancement & protection e.g. neonicotinoids, sewage discharge.	Immediate	SDC/ SWT					1	3	1b/3e	lobby

Theme 3: Enable citizens to connect and take action for nature

Action 14	Create opportunities to connect the community such as 'friends of' groups, schools, and householders with nature											
14.1	Provide or signpost good practice guidance and funding opportunities to community groups on habitat creation (Links to CNCR 139,155, 292 and 318).	Short	SDC/ SWT	14.1.1	Develop an information pack, standard agreement and communications campaign for community groups and parish Councils who wish to manage Council-owned open spaces.	Immediate	SDC/ SWT	1		4	1b/4a	Enable

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				14.1.2	Drive forward Environmental Champions Scheme to encourage residents of all ages and backgrounds to take action for wildlife (CEAP 6).	Immediate	SDC/ SWT		4	4a	Deliver	
				14.1.3	Work with partners to improve ecological benefits of Steam Coast Trail and communicate to users.	Short	SWT	1	2	4	1c/2a/4c	Deliver
14.2	Support local groups to take part in activities on Council owned open spaces that support wildlife.	Short	SDC/ SWT	14.2.1	Ecosculpture and skills development project in partnership with Hestercombe House.	Immediate	SWT	1	2	4	1c/2a/4a	Enable
14.3	Support initiatives that help to remove litter particularly along our coastline.	Immediate	SDC/ SWT						2	4	2a/4a/4c	Enable

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	Work with town and parish Councils and community groups to provide opportunities for local people to get involved with planting trees and habitat creation (CNCR action 296 adapted).	Immediate	SDC/ SWT					1	2	4	1c/2a/4a	Enable	
	Investigate engagement with West Country Rivers Trust's citizen science program - monitoring water quality to feed into Natural England's County Water improve strategy 22/23.	Immediate	SWT							3	3f	Support	
Action 15	Use our open spaces, wildlife sites and nature reserves as opportunities to communicate to citizens about the importance of the natural world												
15.1	Develop communications for all open space sites to engage citizens about habitat and wildlife on site.	Medium	SDC/ SWT	15.1.1	Create signage and interpretation for grassland management.	Immediate					4	4c	Deliver
15.2	Maintain and where necessary improve access to Council owned local wildlife and sites, and local nature reserves.	Immediate	SDC/ SWT								4	4c	Deliver

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Action 16	Develop an ecological emergency communications plan linked with climate change to inform householders of actions taken by the Councils and partners and how they can get involved (links to CNCR action 123)										
16.1	Promote/signpost resources to support householders take action for nature.	Immediate	SDC/ SWT	16.1.1	Make householders aware of Somerset prepared/ Team Wilder/Environmental Champions and other groups that deliver nature recovery.	Immediate	SDC/ SWT		4	4a	Deliver
Action 17	Work with partners to deliver behaviour change campaigns and communications to support householders and businesses to make lifestyle choices to reduce consumption and protect local and globally important wildlife habitats.										
17.1	Work with partners linking up with existing communications e.g. Wildlife Trust's Team Wilder, active travel links to our AONBs.	Immediate	SDC/ SWT	17.1.1	Promote nature recovery by protecting and Restoring Somerset - Pride in looking after our area including communities within it. Having pride in our home of Somerset.				4	4a	Support
17.2	Working with partners communicate to Council tenants and other householders about ideas that support wildlife within gardens e.g. wilding garden lawns.	Immediate	SDC/ SWT						4	4a	Deliver

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17.3	Communication to allotment growers -best practice for wildlife (links to CNCR 107).	Immediate	SDC/ SWT						4	4a	Deliver
17.4	Increase awareness in businesses and young people of the value of local pollinators, improving knowledge and understanding of pollinators in the area (CEAP 160).	Immediate	SDC					1	4	1d/4d	Support
17.5	Develop an awards scheme focusing on celebrating climate and ecological action in the community (CNCR 323 adapted).	Short	SDC/ SWT						4	4a	Support
17.6	Champion our nature recovery outside designated sites and link into Green Infrastructure strategy.	Short	SWT					1	4	1c/4a	Support

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17.7	Deliver community and school workshops building awareness about nature recovery and how they can take action for wildlife (and climate change) (relates to CEAP 102).	Immediate	SDC/ SWT						4	4a	Support

Action 18	Promote ways to reduce, reuse and recycle; support product durability, energy efficiency and renewable energy generation.											
18.1	Work with Somerset Waste Partners on Recycle More (Refer to CNCR actions 253 - 270).	Immediate	SDC/ SWT						3	4	3d/4a	Support

Theme 4: Governance' funding, monitoring and reporting progress over time

Action 19	Co-ordinate and have oversight of all SDC/SWT ecological improvement activities so that it can be reviewed and continually improve.											
19.1	Develop methodology to enable the Council to monitor progress towards ambitions and targets.	Immediate	SDC/ SWT						3		3f	Deliver

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19.2	Agree method by which progress of actions will be monitored over time. E.g. through Pentana (SDC) or other.	Short	SDC/ SWT					3	3f	Deliver

Action 20	Work with partners to agree a methodology to measure progress against our KPIs and targets (relates to CNCR146)									
20.1	Committee and Council reporting to include ecological impact, alongside those already for climate and sustainability.	Immediate	SDC/ SWT					3	3f	Deliver
20.2	Work with partners to disseminate best practice monitoring methodology to local community groups in order to feed into Somerset species monitoring for Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	Immediate	SDC/ SWT					3	3f	Deliver

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Action 21	Develop a fundraising strategy to deliver action plan where there are insufficient budget and resources.												
21.1	Produce and communicate a list of potential woodland creation grants, and forward plan bids where possible (Amended CNCR 138)	Immediate	SDC/ SWT					3	3a	Deliver			
21.2	Seek funds to support ecological protection and improvement projects.	Immediate	SDC/ SWT	21.2.1	Build Up a Tree Fund with businesses and stakeholders (already seeded by the Council) to deliver tree planting days with local residents and community groups to increase tree coverage (SDCA CEAP 92).	Immediate	SDC	1		1a	Deliver		
				21.2.2	Toneworks, Wellington.	Immediate	SWT	1	2	3	4	1d/2e/ 3c/4a	Deliver
				21.2.3	Steam Coastal Trail	Immediate	SWT	1		3	4	1c/3c/4a	Deliver
				21.2.4	Hibernation boxes	Immediate	SWT/ SDC	1	2		4	1c/2e/4a	Deliver

Term:**Immediate** - financial Year 2022/23**Short** - 2023-2025**Medium** - 2025-2028**Long** - 2028-2030**Delivery****Deliver** - those actions where the Council can directly deliver a defined outcome.**Enable** - those actions where the Council's role is to facilitate delivery of defined outcomes, for instance changes to policy.**Support** - those actions where the Council can support or encourage the delivery of a defined outcome, namely working with groups or organisations.**Lobby** - those actions where the Council's primary role is to promote and push for change, e.g., a change to policy, legislation or funding.**District****SDC** - Sedgemoor District Council**SWT** - Somerset West District Council**Action Plan****CNCR** - Somerset West and Taunton District Council Carbon Neutrality and Climate Resilience Action Plan**CEAP** - Sedgemoor District Council Climate Emergency Action Plan



THE ACTION PLAN WILL DELIVER THE FOLLOWING AMBITIONS AND TARGETS:

Collaborating with partners							
Ambitions							
	Wildlife		Assets & open spaces		Our values		People and nature
Our targets by 2030:							
1a	Contribute and support 30% of Somerset being managed positively for nature.	2a	Open spaces are well managed either by community groups with support by the local authority or directly by the Council.	3a	The environment and ecological well-being of our district is integrated into all policy decisions made by the Council.	4a	1 in 4 citizens take action for wildlife (aligned with Somerset Wildlife Trust's Team Wilder campaign).
1b	Large scale tree planting and other nature recovery projects across the district and wider area are delivered with partners.	2b	All grassland areas are managed in accordance with the best practice grassland management to support wildlife where appropriate.	3b	Procurement policies enable the purchase of products and services that support ecological protection and improvement at a local, national and international level.	4b	All pupils complete one term of environmental education by the time they leave primary school.
1c	Habitats across the district including the councils' designated sites, wildlife and geological sites are in a favourable condition.	2c	The use of chemicals is minimised, and alternatives are used where possible.	3c	All planning decisions consider ecological footprint of all new developments and contribute to a minimum of 10% biodiversity net gain.	4c	All publicly owned spaces have community group, good signage and are accessible to the public.
1d	Our green and blue infrastructure connect to the wider environment and contribute to Somerset's Nature Recovery Network.	2d	All plants are grown or sourced in peat free growing medium and contribute to climate change resilience and nature recovery.	3d	We collaborate with others and lobby government to ensure policies protect our wildlife and natural environment.	4d	Businesses play their role in supporting wildlife recovery.
1e	County notable and red list species (specifically Hazel dormouse, lapwing and grizzled skipper) thrive in our district and wider area.	2e	All council owned buildings support ecological recovery where appropriate.	3e	Our staff understand the importance that nature plays and have the skills and knowledge to consider it in their decision making and implementation of their roles.		
				3f	We monitor and communicate our progress towards nature recovery.		