

EX20. Second Nature: A Biodiversity Action Plan for the Falkirk Council Area – Consultation Draft

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services which provided the draft third Biodiversity Action Plan for the Falkirk Council area and sought approval that this be consulted upon.

The action plan aimed to conserve and enhance the wild plants, animals and habitats of the Falkirk area. It coordinated and focussed the work of numerous local organisations and individuals to help conserve the most important and/or threatened wildlife. Maintenance of an up to date action plan was vital to the Council fulfilling its statutory duty to further the conservation of biodiversity detailed in the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004. The draft action plan was provided as an appendix to the report.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) approved “Second Nature: A Biodiversity Action Plan for the Falkirk Council Area – Consultative Draft” for consultation purposes;**
- (2) instructed officers to carry out a programme of public consultation; and**
- (3) instructed officers to prepare a finalised plan following consultation and report back to the Executive for final approval.**