

## **BRUNDALL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

#### **BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN (BAP)**

Biodiversity (biological diversity) is the term used to describe all the organisms, species and populations on planet Earth, including their genetic composition, variations and interactions within ecosystems. Maintaining and enhancing biodiversity is recognised as an essential requirement for sustaining life on earth for all living things, including humans.

Following on from Brundall Parish Council's '*Wildlife and Biodiversity Vision*', this document establishes the Council's framework Biodiversity Action Plan for Brundall, covering the period 2023 to 2028. Its purpose is to provide the overarching framework which will guide and inform the implementation of the strategy for conserving and, where possible, enhancing the biological diversity of Brundall for the benefit of the natural environment, the wildlife, plants and other species that inhabit the area, including the human population.

This Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) shall include the following activities:

1. Carry out Biodiversity Audits of those sites owned or leased by the Council to establish their present status with respect to biodiversity and to identify opportunities for biodiversity enhancement.
2. Establish appropriate guidelines and actions for those sites so that they are managed in a sustainable way, consistent with Brundall Parish Council's biodiversity Vision and this BAP.
3. Identify opportunities for biodiversity enhancement at other sites within the parish boundaries through investigation of land uses in the area and identification of sites/areas where the Council's Vision and this BAP could be implemented. This includes reviewing opportunities that may arise from planned future developments and on land that Brundall Parish Council may seek to acquire.
4. Identify potential threats to biodiversity that could arise as a result of:
  - a. Future development proposals
  - b. Existing or inappropriate land management practices
  - c. Habitat loss or degradation
  - d. Loss of species
  - e. Impacts of pollution
5. Promote awareness of biodiversity within the local community through appropriate community engagement initiatives such as providing information on results of biodiversity audits on the Council's website, display boards and at public meetings. Engagement with local schools will also form part of the campaign of awareness.
6. Identify further opportunities to preserve or enhance biodiversity on land occupied by local businesses and to enlist the support of local businesses in implementing this BAP for the benefit of all who live and work here.

This BAP will be reviewed annually to ensure its appropriateness and effectiveness in achieving Brundall Parish Council's Vision and Objectives for biodiversity.