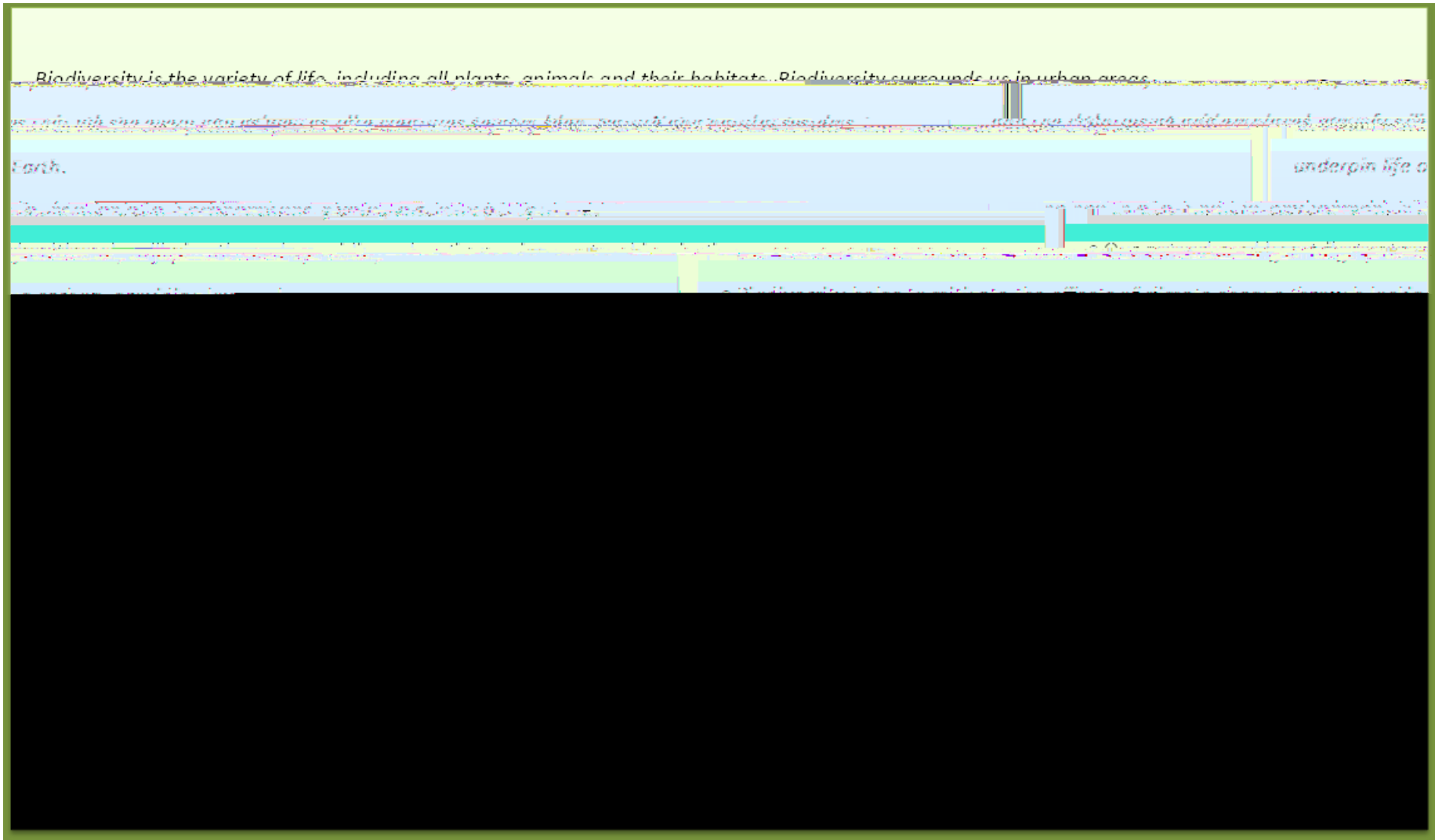




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Welcome to the refreshed Argyll and Bute Council Biodiversity Duty Action Plan.

Biodiversity is a core component to supporting our sustainability, underpinning economic development and prosperity, and has an

3. Biodiversity Duty - Legal Context.



4. Argyll and Bute Council Biodiversity Duty Action Plan

4.1 The action Plan has been divided into 7 themes:

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| 1. Legal | 5. Information |
| 2. Planning | 6. Community Engagement |
| 3. Economic Development | 7. Education |
| 4. Asset Management | |

4.2 Outcomes: The themes are linked to the following:

Outcome 1.

Biodiversity action to maintain and enhance within a range of developments- this includes good practice within planning, infrastructure, mineral extraction and where appropriate within the Argyll and Bute Council estate.

Outcome 2.

4.3 Single Outcome Agreement – Long term outcomes;

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| 1. The economy is diverse and thriving. | 4. Children and young people have the best possible start. |
| 2. We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth. | 5. People live active, healthier and independent lives. |
| 3. Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all. | 6. People live in safer and stronger communities. |

Outcomes	SOA	Action Theme: Legislation, Policy and Plans	Department and Service	Target	New/ Ongoing	Complete by	Resources	
							Staff	Finance
1	all	Contribute to the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy by aligning the refreshed Argyll and Bute Council Biodiversity Duty Action Plan	Development and Infrastructure-Development Policy	Engage with Senior Officers in developing the A&BC BDAP and complete draft document.	New	Jan 2016 Yes.	LB Officer	No cost.
3	As appropriate	Assist with the development of						

¹ Local Biodiversity Officer.

² LDP- Local Development Plan.

³ Argyll and Bute Local Biodiversity Partnership.

Outcome	SOA	Action Theme: Planning	Department and Service	Target	New/ Ongoing	Complete by	Resources	
							Staff	Finance
1	1 and 6	Re. Planning Applications including Pre- App and Development Proposals: where appropriate ensure protection, positive management and enhancement opportunities are taken into account.	D&I Planning and Regulatory Services	Screening of wide range of applications with a focus on biodiversity protection, enhancement and restoration in tandem with the Biodiversity Check sheet...	New approach, Ongoing process	DM and LB Officer	Yes	No cost
4	1 and 6	Promote Biodiversity conservation and						

Outcome	SOA	Action Theme: Community Engagement	Department and Service	Target	New/Ongoing	Completed by	Resources
							Staff

