

## **Recommendations for Cabinet that will resolve in an action being taken:**

**Scrutiny Committee 13 June 2024**

### **Minute 7 Improving green spaces for wildlife**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET**

The Scrutiny Committee recommends that Cabinet:

1. Reviews the reasons that the Managing Sites for Wildlife approach was adopted and how this came about.
2. Endorses the approaches and amended process of wildlife improvement practices, and notes the wider Nature Recovery Work being led by Countryside.
3. Approves wider communication to Councillors regarding this approach, with a feature in the Councillor update and reconsiders communication with residents, towns and parishes to increase positive interaction.
4. Provides any further recommendations for supporting the important strategy of transitioning traditionally maintained green spaces to wildlife improvement areas within climatic (eg. mild winters and wet springs) and budgeting constraints.
5. Agrees that Councillors increase their awareness of the reasoning and history of this approach and how it relates to central and local government legislative and policy frameworks.
6. Agrees that Councillors help disseminate this message to residents / voters in order to bridge the gap between Council strategy and residents' expectations of wildlife improvement areas and the continual transition of EDDC-owned green spaces from traditionally mown grass areas to wildlife havens. This will help StreetScene continue to align its targeted work with the legislative framework and Council-wide agendas, policies, strategies and action plans.
7. Endorses that the Council continues to work with voluntary and community groups across the District.
8. Supports that the Wildlife Improvement Strategy is brought back to the Scrutiny Committee on an annual basis.

### **Minute 8 Review of Emergency Responses in 2023/4 by East Devon District Council**

#### **RECOMMENDATION TO CABINET**

That the Council should encourage every community in East Devon to have a local emergency plan in place.