

Biodiversity Duty Report

Appendix 2: Summary/example actions from corporate plans and strategies and within the Biodiversity Duty Report, that the Council will seek to deliver, are set out in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Example Torbay Council future actions identified within the Biodiversity Duty Report to be delivered between January 2026 and January 2031

Action	Service Area Responsible	Estimated Delivery Timeframe
Allocate additional resource to lead on strategic environmental matters and compliance with the Environment Act 2021 (subject to leadership approval).	Place Strategy	12–18 months
Identify how the NERC Duty should feed into Torbay Council service plans and SWISCo. Business Plan	Corporate Strategy / All Service Leads	6–12 months
Embed the NERC Duty into each Torbay Council service plan (subject to leadership approval)	Corporate Strategy / Senior Leadership	12–24 months, then ongoing
Identify how the NERC Duty should feed into the SWISCo Business Plan	SWISCo	6–12 months
Embed the NERC Duty into the SWISCo Business Plan and Service Level Agreement with Torbay Council (subject to leadership approval)	SWISCo/Senior Leadership	12–24 months, then ongoing
Strategic overview of the actions that Torbay Council can take to help deliver the Devon LNRS	Pride in Place /SWISCo	6-12 months, then ongoing
Act on LNRS proposals by creating or improving habitat on land we manage	Place Strategy / SWISCo/ Estates	ongoing

Develop Parks Improvement Strategies including biodiversity actions (incorporating the Devon LNRS)	SWISCo	12–24 months
Continue developing a Green & Blue Infrastructure (GBI) Strategy	Spatial Planning / SWISCo / Torbay Heritage Places / Public Health	36-48 months
Investigate creation of a Habitat Bank and habitat banking potential/opportunities on Council land (SWISCo Business Plan)	Spatial Planning / SWISCo / Finance / Estates	24 months
Produce and begin delivery of Management Plans for all for all Council-owned and managed SSSIs	SWISCo / Spatial Planning / Geopark / Estates	12–36 months
Produce Management Plans for all Council-owned and managed County Wildlife Sites	SWISCo / Spatial Planning / Estates	12–48 months
Develop and deliver the Berry Head Management Plan (restoring SSSI features)	SWISCo / Spatial Planning / Estates	6 months for plan; multi-year delivery
Scale up tree planting, woodland creation, street tree planting and park greening (via the Plymouth and South Devon Community Forest)	SWISCo / Strategic Planning	Multi-year delivery commencing in 2026/2027
Include a new section on the NERC Duty and how the Council can take action to preserve and enhance biodiversity within the iLearn climate change training	Corporate Training / HR / Strategic Planning	6–12 months
Finalise a system for monitoring Biodiversity Gains approved through the planning system	Planning / Business Support	6-12 months