

Statutory requirement Yes/No	Title of relevant Strategy, Plan, Policy, Guidance, Mapping, Other Document	Internal / External document	Strategy, Plan, Policy, Guidance, Mapping, Other Document	Objective	Action	Action Status	Responsible parties for delivery	Deadline	Milestone/s	Means of measurement (where relevant)
Y	Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan 2016-2036	Internal	Plan	Adoption of new Local Plan	Implementation of relevant policy, (SADM 16), to deliver a measurable net gain for biodiversity through the grant of planning permission	Commenced	WHBC - Local Planning Authority	Action ongoing from adoption	The adoption of new Local Plan - Full Council 12 October 2023	Future Annual Monitoring Reports / Biodiversity Duty Reporting
N	Climate Change Action Plan	Internal	Plan	Improve biodiversity	Develop local plan policies that protect the countryside, open spaces, parks and green spaces; enhances the borough's critical environmental assets;	Complete	WHBC - Local Planning Authority	Oct-23	Report to Full Council - 12 October 2023	Adoption of the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan (2016-2036)
N	Climate Change Action Plan	Internal	Plan	Ensure up to date knowledge	Contribute to HCCSP biodiversity baseline study	Complete	HCCSP	2022/23	Production of Baseline Report and mapping tool	Delivered to WHBC and installed
N	Climate Change Action Plan	Internal	Plan	Ensure collaboration within HCC	Contribute to preparation of Herts Green Infrastructure Strategy	Complete	HIIP	2022	Production of the Hertfordshire Green Infrastructure Strategy	Published on HCC website
N	WHBC - Biodiversity Net Gain Guidance Note (September 2023)	Internal	Guidance	To provide interim guidance pending the adoption of Local Plan and the introduction of mandatory BNG	Reported to CPPP and Cabinet and published on website	Completed	WHBC - Local Planning Authority	Complete	Reported to CPPP (17 Aug 2023) and Cabinet (05 Sept 2023)	Reports to relevant decision-making bodies / published on the website
N	Climate Change Action Plan	Internal	Plan	Increase carbon sequestration. Improve canopy cover to alleviate heat island affect in relation to climate change impacts	Explore opportunities for additional tree planting around the borough	In progress and on target	WHBC - Local Authority	Jan-25	Your Tree Our Future Project	3 year project, commenced 2022
N	Climate Change Action Plan	Internal	Plan	Maintain and improve biodiversity	Maintain up-to-date Tree Strategy to guide management of woodlands and street trees	On target	WHBC - Landscape and Ecology	Dec-30	New Strategy adopted by April 2024	New Strategy is adopted
N	Climate Change Action Plan	Internal	Plan	Improve biodiversity	Plant and maintain flowers in key town centre locations	On target	WHBC - Landscape and Ecology	Jan-50	Bedding planting twice a year currently	Landscape maintained throughout the year through grounds management contract
Y	Climate Change Strategy	Internal	Strategy	To embed climate change mitigation and adaptation into our plans, strategies and policies	A range of actions relating to carbon sequestration and nature based adaptation solution	Ongoing and on target	WHBC - Local Authority	Dec-30	The organisational target for net-zero is 2030	Annual Reports
N	Climate Change Action Plan	Internal	Plan	Improve biodiversity	Plant and maintain wildflower meadows along key roads	Ongoing and on target	WHBC - Landscape and Ecology	Jan-50	Planting is reliant on opportunities	Maintained throughout the year through grounds management contract
N	Climate Change Action Plan	Internal	Plan	To keep up to date with best practice and guidance	Purchase ecological advice from Herts CC to inform Local Plan policies and planning decisions	Ongoing and up to date	WHBC Local Planning Authority and HCC LEADS	Jan-50	Entering into a SLA	SLA entered into
N	Climate Change Action Plan	Internal	Plan	Increase resilience to impacts climate change	Ensure that tree officers attend Herts Tree Health Network to learn, monitor, report and take action on pests and diseases related to tree health	Ongoing and on target	WHBC - Landscape and Ecology	Jan-50	Attendance at meetings	Meetings attended
N	Welwyn Hatfield Tree and Woodland Strategy	Internal	Strategy	To manage the council's trees and woodlands in a safe and sustainable way	Policy 5 - Pests and diseases - the managed control of muntjac deer and grey squirrels where the impact of damage has a moderate impact on site biodiversity	Started and on target	WHBC - Landscape and Ecology	Jan-50	Dependant upon impact assessment - condition of grant funding	Amount of days on site, reported to Natural England, Forestry Commission
N	Welwyn Hatfield Tree and Woodland Strategy	Internal	Strategy	To manage the council's trees and woodlands in a safe and sustainable way	Policy 7 - Woodland Management - Maintain and enhance Sherardspark Wood and Northaw Great Wood as SSSIs	Started and on target	WHBC - Landscape and Ecology	Jan-50	Achieving and maintaining 'favourable condition' status	Favourable condition status confirmed by Natural England
N	Welwyn Hatfield Tree and Woodland Strategy	Internal	Strategy	To manage the council's trees and woodlands in a safe and sustainable way	Policy 4 - To plant 300 urban trees across the borough on publicly owned land each year	Started and on target	WHBC - Landscape and Ecology	Jan-50	Annual target	Number of trees planted each year - reported KPI
N	Welwyn Hatfield Tree and Woodland Strategy	Internal	Strategy	To manage the council's trees and woodlands in a safe and sustainable way	Policy 8 - Community Engagement - support Friends Groups and the Tree Wardens Scheme	Started and on target	WHBC - Landscape and Ecology	Jan-50	Volunteer tasks undertaken (e.g., coppicing, tree planting, grassland management, bedding)	The number of Friends and Tree Warden Groups operating within the borough. Volunteer days per annum
N	HCCSP Strategic Action Plan for Biodiversity (July 2023)	External	Action Plan	To enhance and improve Biodiversity across Hertfordshire	To support the delivery of the actions set out within the strategic action plan, where relevant	Started and on target	Strategic group consisting of all 10 Hertfordshire district/borough councils the county council and the LEP	Jan-50	Develop a biodiversity Baseline using Natural England's metric	Complete
N	Green Space Audit	Internal	Audit	Identify and quantify opportunities for ecological gains across Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council owned greenspaces	Undertake actions within the Green Space Audit, such as planting, conservation cut, wildflower meadow creation, woodland edge succession, hedge creation, pond creation	Started and on target	Partnership with CMS to deliver the Audit. Ongoing action delivery by Landscape and Ecology	Survey complete	Deliver 1-2 projects from the Green Space Audit a year	Annual monitoring
N	Landscape Management Plans for council woodlands and Local Nature Reserves	Internal	Plan	To ensure that our sites are managed safely, and for the benefit of nature and biodiversity	To implement action plans in the interest of conserving and enhancing biodiversity	Started, plans updated when required	WHBC - Landscape and Ecology	Jan-50	Delivered throughout the 10-year lifespan of the Management Plan	Annual monitoring schedule