

**Proposed Cabinet response to recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny on Ecological Emergency Update**

Recommendation arising from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 7 May 2024.

Recommendation	Agree (Y / N)	Comment	Responsible Cabinet Member	Lead Officer
1. That Cabinet considers the necessity to increase resourcing for ecology, given our goal (green to the core), declared climate and ecological crisis and increased legal monitoring obligations.	Y	We are actively exploring resourcing levels across Planning & Sustainability and specifically Ecology, in order to meet workload demands and council priorities. We have a clear idea of the resources needed and are working through more detailed costings currently.	Juliet Layton, Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulatory Services/Mike Evely, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance	Deputy Chief Executive/ Director of Governance (Monitoring Officer)/ Assistant Director for Planning and Sustainability