

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Policy and Performance Advisory Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>3 June 2021</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Biodiversity Strategy</b>
<b>Exemption:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Tim Whelan, Director of Service Delivery</b>
<b>Ward(s):</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Purpose of Cabinet report:</b>	<b>To introduce the Biodiversity Strategy and associated work plan</b>
<b>Officer recommendation(s) to the Cabinet:</b>	<p><b>That Cabinet considers:</b></p> <p><b>1) The Lewes District Council Biodiversity Strategy 2021-2025 set out in Appendix 1; and</b></p> <p><b>2) The associated Action Plan, set out in Appendix 2</b></p>
<b>Recommendations to the Committee:</b>	<b>The recommendations are detailed at 1.3 of this report</b>
<b>Reasons for recommendations to the Committee:</b>	<b>To provide a critical friend challenge to the Cabinet decision and policy making process.</b>
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## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 In its role as a provider of public scrutiny and as critical friend, the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee has a duty to provide a challenge to the executive decision and policy makers.
- 1.2 The Policy and Performance Advisory Committee is able to provide this challenge through the inclusion of the Council's Forward Plan of Decisions as a standing item on each of the Committee's agendas, allowing the Committee to request the inclusion of reports due for consideration by the Cabinet on its agenda and by asking that the relevant officers, heads of service or directors, attend the Committee meetings and discuss the content of the reports.

1.3 Following consideration of each item, where the Members will be able to ask questions of the relevant officers, heads of service, directors and other stakeholders, the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee will provide one of the following three recommendations to the Cabinet:

- 1) To support the recommendations in the report in full; or
- 2) To support the recommendation in the report subject to the consideration by the Cabinet of any amendments agreed by Committee; or
- 3) To not support the recommendations in the report and give reasons.

1.4 The Cabinet will be provided with the recommendations from the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee when it considers the main report.

## **2 Financial / Legal / Risk Management / Equality Analysis/ Environmental Sustainability Implications/ Background Papers**

2.1 All implications are addressed in the Cabinet report attached at Appendix 1.

## **3 Appendix**

Appendix 1 – Biodiversity Strategy Cabinet report and appendices