



Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee	
Report Title:	Biodiversity Task Group – Draft Information Leaflet
Meeting Date:	4 th March 2020
Chairman:	Councillor Rob Bird
Presenting Officer:	Kathryn Haworth
Purpose of Report:	For information
Planned Dates	
Background documents:	n/a
Appendices	
Recommendations	To note the report

1. Background

- 1.1 In June 2018 a motion was unanimously carried at Gloucestershire County Council's (GCC) Full Council meeting to set up a working group to look at protecting and encouraging biodiversity in Gloucestershire. The task group met four times between October 2018 and April 2019, which included hosting a public workshop to explore biodiversity on road verges in Gloucestershire with other local authorities and ecological groups.
- 1.2 The recommendations of the biodiversity task group were presented to Environment Scrutiny Committee in November 2019 and it was requested the feedback was provided at the next opportunity on Recommendation 8.
- 1.3 Recommendation 8 was to encourage better engagement with parish/town councils regarding the delegation of verge management and awareness of biodiversity. As part of this a suitable information sheet for parish/town councils was produced which incorporates biodiversity conservation, Plantlife and GCC guidance, safety guidance, litter picking, weed control etc.

2. Summary and Recommendation

- 2.1 The draft information leaflet is provided as part of this report for information. Any feedback from the Committee is welcomed prior to the wider circulation of the leaflet to parish/town councils.