

7. WEST LoTHIAN STATUTORY RETURN TO SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT
ON PUBLIC BODY REPORTING ON BIODIVERSITY DUTY: 2018 - 2020

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration advising of the requirement for public body reporting to the Scottish Government on West Lothian Council's Biodiversity Duty for the three-year period between 2018 – 2020.

The report recommended that the panel note and consider the following recommendations which were intended to be submitted to Council Executive for approval;

1. Notes the contents of the general review of West Lothian's commitment to biodiversity (as detailed in Appendix 1);
2. Agrees to forward the report to the Scottish Government as evidence that the council, as a public body, has met its reporting duty on biodiversity over the 3year period (2018 to 2020); and
3. Agrees to publicise the report on the council's website as advised by the Scottish Government.

Decision

1. Noted the contents of the report; and
2. Agreed that the report and its recommendations be forwarded to the next appropriate meeting of Council Executive for approval.