

32. WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL PROPOSED SIGNING OF THE "EDINBURGH PROCESS" DECLARATION OF BIODIVERSITY

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration making members aware of the Edinburgh Process Declaration on Biodiversity that was intended to set out the aspirations and commitments of the Scottish Government, Edinburgh Process Partners, and the wider sub-national constituency of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in delivering for nature over the coming decade. In recognition of the key role that Local Authorities play in delivering biodiversity protection the Declaration was open for signing by parties working at the local level.

It was recommended that Council Executive:

1. Note the content of the Edinburgh Declaration on Biodiversity (Appendix 1); and
2. Agree to signing the Edinburgh Declaration on Biodiversity.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.