



Title of Report:	Correspondence Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	12th October 2021
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with Government, agencies and potential strategic partners
Lead Officer	Director of Environmental Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	N/A
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	N/A
Staffing Costs	N/A

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No N/A	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present correspondence for Members consideration.

2.0 The following correspondence has been received:

2.1 NIEA Natural Environment Division (received 22nd September 2021)

Correspondence was received on 22nd September from NIEA Natural Environment Division regarding Nature Positive 2030

NIEA were writing to draw attention to a new report, Nature Positive 2030. This is a joint report between Natural England, JNCC, NatureScot, Natural Resources Wales and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency. The report aims to build ambition and encourage action for nature in this critical year for climate change and biodiversity. It also aims to put our nature ambitions on an even footing with our climate change goals, in line with the scientific consensus that we either tackle the crises of biodiversity loss and climate change together, or we will tackle neither.

Copy correspondence is available as Appendix 1.

3.0 Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee consider the correspondence.

Dear Stakeholder,

'Nature Positive 2030'

I am writing to draw your attention to a new report, Nature Positive 2030, that will be published today. This is a joint report between Natural England, JNCC, NatureScot, Natural Resources Wales and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency. The report aims to build ambition and encourage action for nature in this critical year for climate change and biodiversity. It also aims to put our nature ambitions on an even footing with our climate change goals, in line with the scientific consensus that we either tackle the crises of biodiversity loss and climate change together, or we will tackle neither.

Our report is framed around the 30by30 commitment and, in particular, the commitments made in the Leaders' Pledge for Nature, which has been signed by over 85 world leaders including from the UK. The publication today is timed to coincide with the first anniversary of the Leaders' Pledge. The commitments in the Leaders' Pledge are wide-ranging, spanning how we protect, value, use and engage with nature. The report demonstrates how the UK can succeed in delivering these commitments, by scaling up delivery that builds upon best practice from across the UK. You will see a number of NI exemplars contained within it. There is already good work under way but much more is required.

In the report, we conclude that it is not too late for the UK to become Nature Positive by 2030, provided we significantly scale-up activity now. In doing so, we would also make a critical contribution to the UK's climate change ambitions. The report highlights important policy areas currently being developed. However, we also conclude that much needs to be done to deliver the scale of change needed by 2030. The report identifies nine actions that can be implemented rapidly, by national and local governments, land owners, businesses and others that would have particularly high impacts on reversing biodiversity loss this decade.

I commend the report to you and hope it will prove useful in advancing our shared ambitions for nature.

- It will be available at: [Nature Positive 2030 Report](#)
- We have produced a detailed Evidence Report [[Nature Positive 2030 Evidence Report](#)] and a more accessible Summary Report [[Nature Positive 2030 Summary](#)].

We will also be promoting the report on DAERA's social media [DAERA Twitter](#), [Northern Ireland Environment Agency | Facebook](#) and [MyNI facebook](#) [MyNI twitter](#) [MyNI Instagram](#)

You may wish to comment/amplify through your own channels. The press notice is here [Nature Positive 2030 Press notice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) for information.

Regards,

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