

Action ID	Theme	Recommendation	Action	Responsibility	When	Progress report (red for delays)	Progress RAG
0201	Theme 2: Biodiversity	Ecological Emergency Gloucestershire to develop a Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS).	Gloucestershire to develop a Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	LNP, GCC, all Local Authorities and other partners	End January 2026	Local Nature Recovery Strategy is preparing for public consultation, in Autumn 2025.	
0202	Theme 2: Biodiversity	Ecological Emergency Local Authorities to declare ecological emergency leading to new actions and budgets.	Declare an ecological emergency progressed politically though cabinets. Members of CLG to propose the motion locally.	Local Authorities/Members	ASAP	Stroud, Cotswold, Forest of Dean, Tewkesbury, Cheltenham have done so. Gloucestershire County Council passed a biodiversity motion.	
0203	Theme 2: Biodiversity	Water All CLG partners to encourage, support and get involved with river catchment partnerships and with River Catchment Strategic Delivery Plans such as the River Frome strategic plan and the Severn Vale and Upper Thames Catchment Partnerships.	Partners to list involvement in water focused local partnerships and strategic planning.	All local authorities, LNP	Information by March 2024	Gloucestershire County Council engaged with all catchment partnerships via the Natural Flood Management Partnership. Stroud DC is a key partner in River Frome Strategic Plan and Severn Vale Catchment Partnership. Lead Flood Risk Officer is working with GCC, Forestry England, Severn Rivers Trust and others on Forest of Dean Natural Flood Management. Cheltenham BC has seven external partnerships on natural value and flood risk management.	

0204	Theme 2: Biodiversity	Water Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) to maintain sufficient budget for natural flood management.	GCC to embed Natural Flood Management as a core component of a new Local Flood Risk Management Strategy to significantly increase delivery beyond 2024.	GCC	Autumn 2025	There are 38 Natural Flood Management projects being delivered or planned by the Gloucestershire Natural Flood Management Partnership coordinated by GCC, in 25 catchments. £300,000 from GCC funded 3 Natural Flood Management projects with significant habitat improvements, reducing flood risk to over 150 homes. GCC & Forestry England secured £850,000 Flood Defence Grant in Aid funding for Natural Flood Management in the Cannop catchment. A partnership including GCC and FWAG SW secured £240,000 from Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee for Natural Flood Management on the Churn, Cirencester. Gloucestershire Natural Flood Management Grant Scheme launched in July 2025, open to landowners, farmers, communities and NFM Partners. £100k of GCC funding is available in year 1. So far there have been 16 enquiries and 2 applications received.	
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0205	Theme 2: Biodiversity	Green Infrastructure Deliver Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) in an ecologically meaningful way, and secure Gloucestershire Nature and Climate Fund (GNCF) as a delivery mechanism.	Train planners and members in BNG and raise awareness of GNCF. Assess own sites for BNG and add policies to local plans.	Local authorities, LNP, GNCF	ongoing	Challenges remain due to increased workloads for ecologists and developing processes within Councils to deliver BNG. Further work is ongoing to raise awareness of GNCF as a vehicle to deliver Gloucestershire based BNG. Legal teams across Councils working together to create a consistent BNG s106 template for use across the county.	
0206	Theme 2: Biodiversity	Green Infrastructure Develop Green Infrastructure strategies and use new Natural England Green Infrastructure standards.	Develop green infrastructure strategies and use new Natural England Green Infrastructure standards. – in major planning applications and Local Plans.	All local authorities, LNP	Various	Gloucestershire Green Infrastructure Framework exists (Aug 2022, LNP). Cotswold District Council has published a Green Infrastructure Strategy. Gloucester City Council preparing to develop a Gloucester Urban Greening Strategy.	
0207	Theme 2: Biodiversity	Space for Nature & People CLG partners should support the initiative of the Gloucester Nature Park (previously Severn Nature Park).	Gloucester Nature Park (area broadly between canal and River Severn in Gloucester City) has a part-time project officer paid for by the UK Shared Prosperity Funding and Enover until spring 2025. This role works with landowners for goals across Biodiversity, Landscape, Access and Climate Resilience.	Gloucester City Council, support from Gloucestershire County Council Also Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, Enover, Environment Agency and Severn Trent.	Ongoing	Good progress: Access for local people and visitors, improving public rights of way, tree planting, improving flood flow, commissioning Sustrans to help promote active travel options. 36 hectares of woodland planting is planned.	

0208	Theme 2: Biodiversity	Space for Nature & People - Call for Gloucestershire's aspiration to be that everyone lives within a 15 minutes walk of accessible biodiversity rich green space. Local Authorities should develop policies in their Local Plans that will help to deliver Natural England's Accessible Natural Greenspace standards (ANGSt), one of the key measures of this being people having a natural green space of at least 2 hectares within 300 metres from home.	More work is needed to determine whether this is a viable focus and whether this should be referenced in the LNRS as a priority.	All partners	July 2024 to review if to keep included in action list.	<p>This has been adopted by the LNP and in the CLG vision statement, now live on the website and fed into the live consultations on the Strategic and Local Plan focus areas and Cotswold Reg 18 Local Plan Consultation.</p> <p>This is currently proposed as one of the Measures in the draft Gloucestershire LNRS, still to go through consultation and approval processes.</p>	
0209	Theme 2: Biodiversity	Space for Nature & People Local Authorities to act on the Recreation Mitigation Strategies for Cotswold Beechwoods and Commons and Severn Estuary Special Areas of Conservation, including identifying and/or providing funding for new Suitable Alternative Natural Green Spaces (SANGs).	Partners to actively look for opportunities to create new SANGs.	Local Authorities	Ongoing	Stroud District Council have approved a Severn Estuary SP and Special Area (SAC) of Conservation Recreation Mitigation Strategy. Cotswold DC are providing funding, from payments made to meet the Cotswold Beechwoods SAC mitigation strategy, to improve accessibility at Sherborne Park (National Trust). Cheltenham Borough Council collecting Special Protection Area (SPA) payments since Nov 2023 and plan on using them to create SANGS.	

0210	Theme 2: Biodiversity	Increase diversity and inclusion in the accessibility of greenspace	Increase scope of LNP Access to Nature work, with a new phase following the 2023 Barnwood Trust/ LNP training sessions.	All partners, NHS	October 2024 to determine the next phase	Many LNP partners making good progress on diversity and access. Barnwood Trust are running an Access to Nature Network for some Gloucestershire partners. Barnwood Trust ran a well-attended event to share learning on access to nature in November 2024.	
0211	Theme 2: Biodiversity	Carbon sequestration Support the delivery of the Gloucestershire Tree Strategy.	Tree Strategy to be revised and updated. Ensure aspects about adaptation (shading, climate space moving northwards) are in LNRS.	GCC, LNP	24-Sep	Gloucestershire County Council is creating a new GCC Tree Strategy. GCC Trees team working to incorporate green infrastructure and flood prevention at design phase of infrastructure projects. Tewkesbury BC have created a Tree and Woodland Policy to protect and enhance tree coverage, and are funding mini community orchards and a micro wood in the borough.	
0212	Theme 2: Biodiversity	Carbon sequestration Explore the carbon capture and storage potential of wetlands and wet woodlands including working with the Environment Agency on a pipeline of opportunities for a suggested 500 hectares of new wetland creation, for example through planning applications, and in accordance with the	Local Authorities to identify any owned sites where there is potential to create flood-plain wetland/ wet woodlands/ grassland/ woodland. Authorities to also report on any current liaison with Environment Agency on wetland creation opportunities.	All local authorities	Look at next steps by December 2025	Local Nature Partnership considering a proposal to convene practitioners and researchers to look at how best to facilitate more carbon sequestration through land management.	

		Nature Recovery Network mapping.					
0213	Theme 2: Biodiversity	Carbon sequestration Maximise the carbon sequestration potential of farming.	Explore the use of Land Use Frameworks in relation to sequestering carbon and increasing biodiversity.	Climate change coordinators, LNP, Food & Farming theme, other themes	Look at next steps in relation to national Land Use Framework timescales	Countywide Climate Change Coordinator and Cotswold District Council as Food & Farming theme lead are engaged with Food Farming and Countryside Commission, and exploring further with Gloucestershire Food and Farming Partnership. The government is consulting on a national Land Use Framework.	