

ACTION PLANS

Each of the five prior sections has a dedicated action plan associated with it. These plans will be dynamic, working plans for practical activity to deliver the strategy. Examples of some component actions for each category are listed below.

GREENSPACE & BIODIVERSITY

**HOMES, WORKSPACES &
COUNCIL BUILDINGS**

INFLUENCING OTHERS

TRAVEL & TRANSPORT

**REDUCING CONSUMPTION &
PROCURING SUSTAINABILITY**



Action	Service Area	Projects	Comments
<p>Build natural capital into new and existing development to maximise the value that the environment brings across the borough. Plan for and build green and natural areas. Including Council owned and managed land, influence new private developments and look for opportunities in existing areas.</p>	Planning	Encourage green and natural areas on all new developments through planning. Opportunities in major developments (housing) – to maximise section 106 and public realm involvement. Smaller schemes – landscaping schemes put on applications.	Supplementary planning docs (SPD cwould be updated after the new local plan 3-4 years) www.tameside.gov.uk
	Operations and Greenspace	Reducing grass cutting, additional tree planting; sustainable planting; woodland management; wetland management; continue to enhance biodiversity across Council owned greenspace.	This is all ongoing as part of our management and maintenance of parks and countryside sites.
	Strategic Property Services	Investigate the possibility of introducing green roofs / walls on existing Council buildings / schools.	Possibly on Ashton Town Hall as part of the redevelopment of that space? Consider greening of the town centre redevelopment plans. Link in with economic growth and planning teams to factor in from the start. Consider working with owners of large buildings for rooftop growing/farming initiatives and linking with the potential for employment/volunteering initiatives. www.lifegate.com
	Culture and Events	Improve the outdoor space on our wharf at Portland Basin Museum. We already have a bug hotel and some wooden planters in this space and we want to develop this further to create a community space that encourages biodiversity, interprets the heritage of the area and supports visitors' wellbeing. Commence planting in the empty beds on the carpark to encourage wildlife and to make the area more attractive and welcoming.	(apply for funding in 2022 to create a sustainable wharf garden)

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Increase tree cover across the borough	Operations and Greenspace	Plant trees on Council owned land in partnership with City of Trees and adopt a borough wide tree strategy.	With an original target of 7000, we planted c15,000 trees in 2020/21 season. Both revenue, capital and external funding will be required to continue tree planting.
	Education (School sites)	Encourage tree planting in school grounds	
	Partners including RSL's – Economic Development and Corporate Property Services	Work with city of Trees to encourage tree planting across the borough's industrial estate land and social landlord estates.	Operations and Greenspace have put City of Trees in contact with Onward Homes.
	Planning	Encourage tree planting on all new developments and require that the developer maintains the trees.	Already being done on larger scale schemes – more prescriptive around species or every dwelling has a tree update local planning strategies to encourage nature-based solutions such as increasing tree cover and sustainable planting on new development sites.
Ensure that we maintain the greenspaces around Tameside in a way that maximises opportunities for increasing and enhancing biodiversity.	Operations and Greenspace	Use of glyphosate reduced in parks and countryside.	Glyphosate in parks and countryside sites has stopped but there are major issues with the appearance of these sites as many urban parks do not look as well kept without the spraying as there are no additional resources to manage all the additional weeds and grass encroachment onto paths. The lack of spraying is also causing safety concerns relating to weeds creating trip hazards at the edge of playground safety surfacing and damaging playground surfacing. This decision may need to be reviewed or accept additional risks relating to safety and accept an increase in complaints regarding the aesthetics of sites.

GREENSPACE & BIODIVERSITY

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<p>Ensure that we maintain the greenspaces around Tameside in a way that maximises opportunities for increasing and enhancing biodiversity.</p>	Operations and Greenspace	Deadwood left on site in urban parks and countryside for habitats.	Standard practice to leave deadwood on site. Also smaller brush used to create dead hedges in countryside sites.
	Corporate Landlord	Encourage biodiversity across our corporate estate by installing bird boxes / insect gardens	
	Communications	Aim for all residents who have a garden to leave space for wildlife and put up bird boxes and insect gardens.	We promote and encourage residents to participate in the Big Garden Birdwatch each year and how they can encourage wildlife in their garden. Have promoted cultural events that included birdbox building, bug huts. Promoted where we have planted wildflowers and the benefits of that so others might consider.
	Culture and Events	Encourage uptake of bird boxes through events run by culture and events to make bug hotels / bird boxes within the community	Culture and Comms to lead on getting the public to build bird boxes and bug hotels within their gardens – it can be delivered through events and working with groups such as the Scouts, Men in Sheds etc.
	Culture and Events	Consider working with schools and community groups to create habitat piles, large scale bug hotels	Culture and Comms need to lead on getting the public to build bird boxes and bug hotels within their gardens – it can be delivered through events and working with groups such as the Scouts, Men in Sheds etc.
	Planning	Biodiversity Net Gain - Encourage via planning system for developers to bring forward schemes that provide an overall increase in natural habitat and ecological features.	Could publish BNG information such as the 'GM BNG Guidance' on the Planning pages of the Council's website to help guide applicants and developers, as BGN not yet mandatory through the planning system.

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<p>Encourage sustainable allotment sites and more growing of produce within the community.</p>	Operations and Greenspace + Corp Landlord + Communications	<p>Could have a community growing area in lots of open space but we need the community demand and the funding.</p> <p>Develop and publicise community orchards in parks.</p> <p>Install rainwater harvesting on Council owned sites and encourage others to do the same .</p> <p>Develop community plots on existing allotment sites.</p> <p>Develop a community garden at Waterloo Park</p>	<p>Community growing spaces / orchards at Waterloo Park, Cheetham Park, Lymefield, Hyde Park.</p> <p>Existing allotment sites have community plots already.</p> <p>Is there anything that can be done with section 106 monies around this action?</p> <p>Consider staff volunteering scheme allowing volunteer time to be spent supporting the projects – HR?</p>
	Tameside Food Partnership?	To support, champion and celebrate community food growing projects.	To survey and identify partner organisations that have land that could be used for community food growing. Approach organisations that have the potential to be partners (through land provision/rental) with community food growing projects and match with organisations that are seeking land for community food growing projects. To update the community food growing database (in public health) and share information on any grants, funding and knowledge (e.g. on nature friendly growing) with community food growing contacts.
	Tameside Food Partnership – Liz Harris	To seek opportunities for community food growing spaces as integral aspects of new planning developments.	Provide recommendations to Godley Green development for new allotment space, new community food growing space and edible landscapes.

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Ensure that flood risk in Tameside is managed effectively	Engineers	<p>Maintenance of gullies / drains for flooding</p> <p>Critical infrastructure improvement works underway to alleviate flooding issues (inlet grilles to culverts) – completed by 2022</p> <p>Engineers to consider SUDS when designing new schemes – SUDS hierarchy principles</p>	<p>Could also include the work the Greenspace Team have done with Mersey Rivers Trust to create leaky dams and slow the flow of water coming off moors.</p> <p>SUDS - Not a lot being done in highways currently. High costs, and maintenance, which may have an impact on moving forward. SuDS is in planning applications. LLFA? SUDS - Provide tree planting on 'wet sites' which will assist with drainage?</p>
	Planners	Any new private developments should also include SUDS	Assessment approach SUDS first choice in accordance with planning policy requirements
Ecology? Link with work of the nature recovery strategy	GMEU / Planners	TBC – outputs from the GM Local nature discovery strategy will feed into this action	Implementation on Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) in Greater Manchester through the land-use planning system - developments to deliver a minimum of 10% /