

implementing plans and strategies that utilise its core principles. Partnership working is seen as key and the Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan will be the main driver of biodiversity action in relation to the Strategy.

Scottish Forestry Strategy

The core principles of the Scottish Forestry Strategy are based on sustainable development and social inclusion, achieved through a culture of 'forestry for and with people' and delivered in well-managed forests and woodlands that integrate effectively with other land uses and businesses. The Scottish Forestry Strategy Implementation Plan 2015-18 includes background details to the Forestry Indicators and their progress.

Scotland Rural Development Programme and Agricultural Policy

Funding opportunities identified in the 2014-2020 SRDP and any subsequent programmes may provide opportunities to deliver Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan project work - particularly in upland and farmland settings. The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) has wide-ranging benefits to Scotland and our rural communities, and may support habitat creation and enhancement as well as species conservation.

National Outcomes – The Scottish Government

There are a series of National Outcomes which help sharpen the focus of government and provide a clear structure for delivery. Three Outcomes relevant to the Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan include the built and natural environment, local and global environmental impact, and strong, resilient and supportive communities. Many of the 55 National Indicators are also relevant. Delivering the Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan will directly contribute to the delivery of Scottish Government and Local Outcome Improvement Plans (currently being developed to supersede local Single Outcome Agreement).

The Scottish Biodiversity List

The Scottish Biodiversity List is a spreadsheet of species and habitats that Scottish Ministers consider to be of principal importance for biodiversity conservation in Scotland. It has been updated to take into account the review of the original UKBAP Priorities list. The purpose of the list is to help public bodies undertake their Biodiversity Duty but it is also a useful source of information for anyone interested in nature conservation in Scotland.

A spreadsheet containing a simple listing of the habitats and species is available on the Scottish Government website:
<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Environment/Wildlife-Habitats/16118/Biodiversitylist/SBL>. This includes land and freshwater species; land and freshwater habitats; marine species and habitats.

A version which includes Categories of Action is currently being prepared by Scottish Natural Heritage:

- Conservation action needed (which includes the habitats and species in most urgent need of conservation action);
- Avoiding negative impacts: this includes three categories - protected species or habitats, rare or restricted distribution, and significant decline;
- Watching brief only which includes two categories - on the UKBAP list but not considered to be at particular risk in Scotland; species with international obligations not picked up in the other categories for action.

It is hoped a Tayside version will also become available during the life of this Action Plan. There is the original Tayside Priority Species list in the 1st Edition, but the data has not been updated since the 1999 Tayside biodiversity audit. Working with our Partners and the Tayside Recorders' Forum a Tayside Biodiversity List will be prepared in the short-term and featured on the website.