**Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6**

**The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty**

**Reporting on Section 6 – Reporting Template for Town and Community Councils**

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| ***Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6***  ***The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2022*** |
| **Name of Town or Community Council: RISCA TOWN COUNCIL** |
| **Introduction and Context**  Risca Town Council represents over 6500 residents and has a small financial budget each year (£50,000 in 2022/2023). It sets aside about £30,000 of this total for its community events to contribute to the well being of its residents. The climate and environmental concerns are a priority for the Council in its annual projects. |
| **Action Report** |

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| Action carried out to: |  | Monitored by: |
| -embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement | Summer flower baskets and planters project in the Town for 2023 | Risca Town Council |
| -raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance |  |  |
| -safeguard principal species and habitats |  |  |
| -restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks |  |  |
| -tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species |  |  |
| -use improve and share evidence |  |  |
| -support capacity and/or other organisations | The Town Council successfully held a Summer Fair in Tredegar Park, Risca on Sun 5 June 2022 to celebrate the late Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. The Town Council has commenced its planning for a Spring Fair to celebrate the new King’s Coronation on Sat 6 May 2023 in Tredegar Park, Risca | Risca Town Council |

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| **Review of s6 duty** |
| Last summer, mid June to the end of September 2022, the Risca Town Council’s summer baskets and planters project located throughout the lengths of Commercial Street and Tredegar Street was in full bloom. The lengthy drought through July and August, however, did cause us some issues. The most obvious being the necessary but very expensive watering costs. However, our local contractor managed to keep the baskets and planters as fresh as possible for the local community and our local biodiversity to enjoy. The late Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Fair in the Town was well appreciated by the hundreds of residents that attended. The Town council is looking forward to its Spring Fair and summer baskets and planters projects for 2023  The Town Clerk will report on further updates when required by WG |