

## **Council meeting – 18 July 2013**

### **Making a more sustainable Torbay.**

This Council notes that in the RSPB State of Nature Report 2013.

- 60% of 3,148 UK species have declined over the last 50 years, with 31% declining strongly;
- Conservation Priority Species have declined overall by 77% in the last 40 years.
- Evidence shows that climate change is having an increasingly harmful impact.

In light of the above this Council instructs officers to develop policies that will promote more sustainable management of our horticultural environment, particularly promoting wildlife (including our bee population) and promoting council parks and gardens for the production of food by local communities.

Proposed by Councillor Baldrey  
Seconded by Councillor Doggett