

Appendix 5d

Armada Way Independent Learning Review Action Plan Progress Table – Environmental Regulations – October 2025

Recommendation under review	Action Required	Progress to date	SRO	Anticipated complete date
Environmental Regulations				
Heighten expertise and awareness of Environmental regulation and practice	Director of Growth to review this recommendation to establish the Council's capacity and capability for environmental legislation, to include consideration of any further training for relevant officers.	<p>In May 2024 initial training entitled "Practical Approach to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for Planning Officers" and EIA training specialist company. All senior Planners and managers attended the session, as they provide EIA advice and undertake EIA screening of planning applications and/or deal with EIA applications. In addition, senior colleagues from other areas e.g. Transport, Design and Conservation and legal services, also attended.</p> <p>The session is available for others within the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure department to view online.</p> <p>The training offer has been reviewed by the Strategic Director for Growth and is considered to be a suitable for existing and new offers. There is currently sufficient</p>	Strategic Director for Growth	August 2025

	<p>Ensure Tree Management Principles Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protects tree assets (management and restocking)• Meets legal obligations around tree risk and safety• Maintains and encourages biodiversity• Responds to risk including climate change and disease• Enhances Plymouth’s tree cover	<p>capacity and capability within the team. This will be kept under review</p> <p>The Tree Management Principles document has been drafted and consultation with internal teams is underway. The document, with any required revisions will be shared with the Plan for Trees Steering group before scrutiny. A final decision will be made before the end of the financial year at the very latest.</p>	<p>Service Director for Street Services</p>	
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