

Appendix D

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D.1 This appendix provides the action plan for each GBI focus area, organised within **Table D.1** to **Table D.5**.

Table D.1 GBI Focus Area A: Bradford Inner City - Emerging GBI opportunities

Name of GBI opportunity	Overview and justification for inclusion	Benefits	Potential delivery partners	Governance arrangements	Funding mechanism(s)	Indicative cost	Indicative timescale	Measurable outcomes	Next steps
Opportunity A1: Integrate street trees and pocket parks along key streets within the A6177 ring road to improve the public realm and enhance the setting of active travel routes	The Woodland Trust's Tree Equity Score indicates that the area within Bradford Inner City GBI Focus Area has low tree cover relative to the wider district. Much of the area within the A6177 ring road is identified as high priority for tree planting, with existing canopy cover ranging from 5-16%. Areas exhibiting the highest priority include Bowling and Broomfields in the south east which have tree equity scores of 48, and Lister Hills in the west, which is scored 45. Existing canopy cover in these areas ranges from 5% to 12%. This corresponds with Climate Just's Social Heat Vulnerability Index, which indicates that urban heat is greatest in the city centre and is aligned with areas of greatest deprivation. Investment should be prioritised in locations in the greatest need as indicated by the Tree Equity Score mapping and heat vulnerability index.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 4: Increase tree canopy cover across the district, targeting areas where it would provide environmental justice benefits for underserved communities.</u> Proposals should aim to mitigate the urban heat island effect, providing increased shade and cooling as well as benefit communities more socially vulnerable to poor air quality and extreme heat events. Street tree planting will also enhance the existing public realm, providing shade and creating a visually attractive public realm to attract footfall and business. There may be scope to create volunteering opportunities for planting and maintenance of street trees. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline targets proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 2: Increase canopy cover; and ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council ■ West Yorkshire Combined Authority. ■ White Rose Forest. ■ The Northern Forest. ■ Trees for Cities. ■ The Tree Council. ■ Woodland Trust. ■ Tree Cities of the World. ■ Local community groups. ■ Schools / youth groups. ■ Local businesses.	Management and maintenance considerations for future tree planting must be included early in the design process to ensure the successful establishment of tree planting. The involvement of local communities and stakeholders in long-term management should be matched by appropriate resources in terms of funding and staff support from City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council or partner organisations.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council e.g. 'Tree for Every Child' initiative and the Clean Air Schools Programme (CASP). ■ Dedicated tree establishment and management grants (e.g. White Rose Forest 'Green Streets' programme, The Northern Forest 'Trees for Climate' initiative, Bradford City AFC 'Trees for Goals' scheme, Trees for Cities (national scale tree planting programme), The Tree Council's 'Plant-a-Tree initiative' and 'Branching Out Fund', West Yorkshire Mayor's 'Climate Community Grant', Defra's 'Trees for Climate' programme, the Woodland Trust's MOREwoods Scheme / Emergency Tree Fund for Local Authorities and Forestry Commission's England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO) where some funding is available for peri-urban locations. ■ The National Lottery Heritage Fund ■ Private investment through green finance mechanisms. ■ Funding through the planning system, as part of development e.g. S106 agreements. ■ Devolved government investment funding to Combined Authorities. ■ CSR contributions. ■ Personal and charitable donations.	Low to medium	Short-medium-term	Tree planting should be accompanied by a landscape management and maintenance plan to cover the 60 month establishment phase. Newly planted trees will be considered successfully established following inspection by a suitably qualified professional at the end of the establishment phase. Progress towards the district's 17% canopy cover target by 2050 should be evaluated on an annual basis, with a more significant review after three years.	A feasibility study should be undertaken to determine areas and species best suited to the tree planting interventions. Initiate engagement with residents and community groups to identify locations for tree planting and the selection of appropriate species. Identify appropriate funding sources

Opportunity A2: Create a joined-up network of active travel routes linking city centre parks and wider suburbs	There are several large parks close to the city centre including Peel Park, Bowling Park and Horton Park, as well as a number of smaller recreation grounds such as Myra Shay and urban parks at Norfolk Gardens, City Park and Centenary Square. However, access links to these greenspaces vary in quality and connectedness. There is an opportunity to create a connected network of active travel routes linking the city centre's parks and greenspaces. The network could be promoted as a waymarked parks trail or a city-wide green loop. There are also opportunities to create heritage trails to highlight Bradford's rich cultural heritage, in conjunction with Bradford's Museums. Interventions should involve the clear demarcation of PRoW from the city centre and nearby inner-city neighbourhoods.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 6 - Expand the active travel network, improve access and enhance the attractiveness of routes to encourage more active travel and improve health and wellbeing.</u> This opportunity will improve access to key green infrastructure assets, support health and wellbeing, and encourage sustainable travel. Wayfinding improvements, enhancements to the existing PRoW network and the introduction of new routes should aim to promote access and active lives through sustainable travel, whilst addressing inequalities in access to greenspace. Interventions should aim to increase safety and accessibility, resulting in increased health and well-being and enjoyment of the city's parks. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline target proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Countryside and Rights of Way Service ■ West Yorkshire Combined Authority. ■ Bradford Local Access Forum ■ Town and parish councils. ■ Canal and River Trust. ■ Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans). ■ Local community groups (Ramblers). ■ Landowners ■ Parks 'Friends of' groups.	The maintenance of paths will likely form the responsibility City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council – funding for network and asset improvements. ■ West Yorkshire Mayor's - Climate Community Grant Scheme and funding from the Transport for City Regions Funding. ■ Transport for City Regions (formerly) Active Travel England. ■ National Lottery Community Fund. ■ Funding through the planning system, as part of development e.g. S106 agreements or CIL. ■ Community Infrastructure Levy. ■ CSR contributions. ■ Personal and charitable donations.	Medium	Medium-term	Increase in in PRoW usage patterns. Increase in park visitor numbers and a more diverse user demographic.	Engage with the local community to establish buy-in and identify priority routes for intervention. Audit popular parks/routes. Prepare designs for path improvements. Establish appropriate funding sources. Appoint a contractor to deliver works and identify opportunities for communities / volunteers to assist in delivery and ongoing maintenance.
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Opportunity A3: Develop new programmes to activate greenspaces and encourage their use by a wider audience	The findings from stakeholder consultation highlight that safety concerns exist among some user groups which discourage the use of greenspaces. This includes social tensions, hate crime as well as social barriers which limit access to Bradford's parks and greenspaces for some user groups, particularly under-represented communities. There are also opportunities to promote the use of existing parks and greenspaces for health and wellbeing benefits, including volunteering opportunities and green social prescribing.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 7 - Capitalise on the success of city centre regeneration, focus on increasing use of greenspaces and learn from success to roll out to other areas.</u> This intervention will promote increased usage of Bradford's parks and greenspaces by a more diverse user group. It will create and promote opportunities for access to nature and deliver associated benefits for physical health and mental wellbeing. Opportunities to develop green social prescribing initiatives should be explored through collaborating with Bradford District Heath Trust. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline target proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council - Public Health Team and Parks Team. ■ West Yorkshire Health & Care Partnership. ■ Better Lives, Bradford District Care Foundation Trust. ■ Well Bradford. ■ Bradford Better Start. ■ Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council Public Health Team and Parks Teams to work with delivery partners and local community groups to deliver interventions.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council Public Health funding ■ Grants from eNGOs and charitable trusts ■ National Lottery Community Fund ■ Nature Towns and Cities funding	Low	Short-term	Increase in park visitor numbers and a more diverse user demographic. Outcomes should be monitored in conjunction with public health, community and behavioural programmes, including social prescribing initiatives.	Identify priority parks and greenspaces of greatest need i.e. where usage is low or there are social tensions and safety concerns. Engage with public health practitioners and delivery partners to identify key areas of need within the city in terms of service provision and geographic location. Establish sustainable funding sources.
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Opportunity A4: Seek opportunities to de-culvert and re-naturalise sections of Bradford Beck through the city centre	Environment Agency WFD data indicates that ecological water quality status in the Bradford Beck (Clayton Beck to River Aire section) is described as 'moderate'. Fluvial and surface water flood risk is concentrated around sections of Bradford Beck, particularly in the city centre around Broadway, Market Street and Forster Square, north along Canal Road, and in the north west around Lister Hills. re-naturalisation of the river channel could include the addition of woody debris, removal of weirs and the mapping and removal of invasive species. Opening up and restoring sections of Bradford Beck could create more attractive public realm through riparian habitat creation and creation of pocket parks, as well as riverside walking routes.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 8 – Support river restoration efforts, including re-naturalisation of heavily modified watercourses and removal of invasive non-native species to enhance water quality and reduce flood risk</u> Restoring sections of Bradford Beck will help to reduce fluvial and surface water flooding, whilst creating accessible blue and greenspaces and building on recent public realm improvement projects in the city centre. River restoration could offer opportunities for community engagement through green social prescribing initiatives, public art projects and volunteering activities such as citizen science water quality monitoring, bioblitz surveys and the maintenance of pocket parks, planting schemes and waterside walkways. There are also opportunities to promote and celebrate Bradford's cultural heritage links to the woollen mill industry through provision of interpretation features. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline target proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 4: Increase the ecological status of rivers.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. ■ West Yorkshire Combined Authority. ■ Aire Rivers Trust. ■ Friends of Bradford's Becks. ■ Yorkshire Water. ■ Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. ■ Environment Agency. ■ Local community groups. ■ Construction contractors. ■ Local businesses.	Co-ordination between City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council and Aire Rivers Trust and Friends of Bradford's Becks group.	■ Funding through the planning system, as part of development e.g. S106 agreements. ■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council urban regeneration funding. ■ Environment Agency. ■ Yorkshire Water. ■ National Lottery Heritage Fund (if cultural heritage aspects included). ■ Local businesses. ■ Private sponsorship, including CSR contributions. ■ Aire Rivers Trust (through grants and match funding).	High (this project is likely to have a very high cost)	Medium-term	Length of watercourse de-culverted / restored. Improved ecological water quality status ('moderate' to 'good'). Increased biodiversity as measured by presence of indicator species. Number of natural flood management measures installed. Reduction in flood risk and flood events downstream. Reduction in presence of invasive species.	Conduct feasibility study to identify areas most suitable for de-culverting and identify other appropriate restoration methods. Stakeholder, landowner and community engagement to secure support for proposals. Explore funding mechanisms. Prepare detailed design for priority restoration schemes.
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Opportunity A5: Explore opportunities to create more community growing spaces (including community orchards) in parks and public spaces (as well as schools, healthcare settings and places of worship)	Areas within the A1667 ring road have low canopy cover, ranging from 5-16%, and relatively high levels of deprivation. As indicated by the Tree Equity Score, areas identified as highest priority for tree planting include Bowling and Broomfields in the south east, which have tree equity scores of 48, and Lister Hills in the west, which is scored 45, indicating that these areas could benefit from further tree planting. Creation of orchards and community growing spaces will deliver social and environmental benefits. These interventions could provide an opportunity to increase tree cover in urban locations which have other limitations such as car parking and existing built infrastructure. Community orchards also have the potential to enhance urban biodiversity and habitat provision within existing greenspaces.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 3: Create new areas of wildlife rich habitat within urban areas.</u> The opportunity will contribute to increased tree canopy cover and improved tree equity in locations which are currently lower than the district average. It will also improve resilience to climate change through urban cooling. Creation of community growing spaces and community orchards will contribute to the key outcomes of the Bradford District Good Food Strategy (2023). Approximately 10% of survey respondents reported an under provision of allotments in the 2020 open space needs assessment. Provision would help to meet standards in the open space audit. There are opportunities to create links with schools to provide education on food sovereignty and healthy eating. There are opportunities for community involvement, including green social prescribing, through creation and maintenance of community gardens and orchards. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline target proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Public Health Team and Asset & Facilities Management Team. ■ Fruit works. ■ YorGreen CIC. ■ City of Nature CIC. ■ Get Out More. ■ Trees for Cities. ■ Team Wilder – Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. ■ Existing urban/community growing spaces such as Horton Community Farm. ■ Parks volunteer groups.	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council Public Health Team to work with delivery partners and local community groups for the creation and management of these spaces.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council Public Health funding for the delivery of the Bradford Good Food Network Strategy. ■ Small grant funding including from the Tree Council's 'Branching Out' Fund (£250 - £2.5k) and 'Trees Outside Woodland' Fund, and Community Garden Grants (up to £5k) from the National Garden Scheme. ■ National Lottery Community Fund. ■ CSR contributions. ■ Personal and charitable donations.	Low	Short-term	Increase in number of community growing spaces created and number of fruit trees planted. Rise in number of local volunteer groups established to maintain these spaces. Increase in number of volunteers or volunteer hours for tree planting.	Conduct a feasibility study to determine appropriate areas for the creation of community gardens and orchards. Establish appropriate funding sources.
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Opportunity A6: Create a city centre active travel hub as part of the proposed Southern Gateway Project (linked to the West Yorkshire Mass Transit system (Bradford Line)), as a central meeting point of key active travel routes	The proposed Southern Gateway regeneration scheme includes proposals for a new city centre railway station, linked to the West Yorkshire Mass Transit System. There is opportunity to address air quality issues and mitigate urban heat island effects, particularly in inner-city areas identified by Climate Just's Social Heat Vulnerability Index as having high or acute levels of heat vulnerability. The project should create links with existing active travel routes and connect existing fragmented sections to enhance walking and cycling routes within the city centre and suburbs. Provision of safe cycle storage as well as other facilities such as changing places and showers will help to encourage active travel. Interventions should align with aims of West Yorkshire Mass Transit Sustainability Vision 2040¹.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 10 - Deliver good quality GBI in all new development which contributes to the multi-functionality of the wider network and strategic objective 6 - Expand the active travel network, improve access and enhance the attractiveness of routes to encourage more active travel and improve health and wellbeing.</u> Promotion of active lives encouraging a modal shift towards sustainable travel for everyday journeys. The opportunity will also help to address air pollution and urban heat by reducing private car use.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. ■ West Yorkshire Combined Authority. ■ Local businesses. ■ Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (Formerly Sustrans). ■ Transport providers.	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council to collaborate with delivery partners and explore options for long term-management following construction of the Mass Transit system.	■ West Yorkshire Combined Authority. ■ Transport for City Regions (formerly Active Travel England). ■ National Highways. ■ Funding through the planning system, as part of development e.g. S106 agreements.	High	Medium-term	Increase in the number of journeys taken by sustainable modes of travel.	Undertake feasibility study to establish understanding of what facilities are needed and key routes of users. Undertake stakeholder and community engagement to gain a further understanding of needs and inform design. Identify funding sources.
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¹ <https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/masstransitvision>

Opportunity A7: Ensure GBI is fully integrated within designs for the proposed Bradford City Village development	The Bradford City Village regeneration project offers the opportunity to build on the success of recent urban regeneration in the city centre. This opportunity will involve close working with the delivery team for the Bradford City Village development to ensure that GBI opportunities in the development are maximised. Proposals should include street trees, SuDS, active travel routes and opportunities for community food growing such as community gardens, orchards and allotments.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 7 - Capitalise on the success of city centre regeneration, focus on increasing use of greenspaces and learn from success to roll out to other areas.</u> <u>Strategic objective 10 - Deliver good quality GBI in all new development which contributes to the multi-functionality of the wider network.</u> Designs should aim to enhance climate resilience by increasing urban tree canopy cover, provision of urban greening interventions, and SuDS, helping to reduce urban heat island effects and manage surface water. Proposals should enhance urban biodiversity, the creation of new habitats and the establishment of green corridors. Safe and attractive walking, wheeling and cycling routes should be incorporated to encourage active travel. Provision of high-quality multifunctional greenspaces will support recreation, health and wellbeing. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline target proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. ■ ECF ((Homes England, Legal & General and Muse - formerly the English Cities Fund). ■ West Yorkshire Combined Authority. ■ Incommunities housing provider.	Ensure management and maintenance plans and responsibilities, including long-term funding for GBI are established from the outset.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. ■ ECF (Homes England, Legal & General and Muse - formerly the English Cities Fund). ■ West Yorkshire Combined Authority. ■ Incommunities housing provider.	Low-medium	Delivery of Phase 1 GBI: Short-medium-term Involvement in design proposals for Phase 2 GBI: short-term Completion of full City Village Scheme and integrated GBI: long-term	Increase in tree canopy cover. Area of new green infrastructure created (e.g. parks, green corridors, SuDS and other multifunctional greenspaces). Length of green walking and cycling routes created or enhanced. Enhanced access to greenspace measured against Natural England Accessible Greenspace standards.	Establish quantitative targets and standards for GBI and tree canopy cover in the new development. Embed GBI requirements within the Bradford City Village masterplan.
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Opportunity A8: Promote awareness of and access to Bradford Pennine Gateway NNR	The Bradford Pennine Gateway NNR was established in May 2025 to protect, enhance and promote natural spaces across the Bradford District. There is inequitable access to Bradford's rural greenspaces, with the most deprived inner-city communities being significantly less likely to visit and benefit from these environments. Addressing this issue can help challenge existing perceptions and broaden representation. Opportunities should be explored to connect inner-city communities with the NNR. This could include awareness campaigns on social media, facilitated events in the city centre, and better signposting through public transport systems to improve access to the NNR via public transport, and wayfinding to improve access via active travel.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 9: Build on and expand the existing partnership working across the district to ensure a coordinated approach to GBI delivery and management.</u> The development of an awareness campaign to the Bradford NNR will increase the number and diversity of visitors from urban centres across the district. This has the potential to increase health and wellbeing benefits for visitors as well as inspiration to take positive action for nature closer to home. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline target proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. ■ Natural England. ■ Town and Parish Councils. ■ Local Community Groups. ■ Local Access Forum. ■ eNGOS (e.g. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust). ■ Schools and youth groups. ■ Public transport operators	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council and Natural England to support a steering group of partners to increase the awareness and links to the NNR.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. ■ Natural England. ■ Grants including the National Lottery Community Fund. ■ CSR contributions. ■ Town and parish council funding. ■ Personal and charitable donations.	Low	Short-term	Increased number of visitors to the NNR from with Bradford inner city and surrounding wards. Number of engagement events delivered, targeting Bradford inner-city communities.	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council and Natural England to continue to support a steering group to develop an awareness campaign and opportunities to support local communities accessing the NNR. Undertake an access study to understand barriers to access and improvements to public transport connectivity which could be made.
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Indicative cost	Value (£)
Low	<£250k
Medium	£250k - £1 million
High	>£1 million

Indicative timescale	Number of years
Short-term	Up to 3 years
Medium-term	>3 years to 6 years
Long-term	>6 years to 10 years or above

Table D.2 GBI Focus Area B: Bradford Connections - Emerging GBI opportunities

Name of GBI opportunity	Overview and justification for inclusion	Benefits	Potential delivery partners	Governance arrangements	Funding mechanism(s)	Indicative cost	Indicative timescale	Measurable outcomes	Next steps
Opportunity B1: Integrate street trees and pocket parks along key high streets and commuting routes to improve the public realm and enhance the setting of active travel routes.	Address disparities and inequitable access to trees across Little Horton and Bradford Moor, as identified by <i>ClimateJust</i> data and the Woodland Trust's Tree Equity Score. Investment should be prioritised in locations in the greatest need of people-focused investment in trees. The aspirations of the White Rose Forest Strategic Plan (2025-2050) should be reflected in the proposals. A hierarchy of trees should be established; for example, principal tree lined streets, streets with trees incorporated within parking nodes and streets with trees to frame views.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 4: Increase tree canopy cover across the district, targeting areas where it will provide environmental justice benefits for underserved communities.</u> Proposals should aim to mitigate the urban heat island effect as well as benefit communities more socially vulnerable to poor air quality and extreme heat events. The introduction of additional street tree planting will also soften the existing public realm, delivering a positive contribution to townscape character. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline targets proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 2: Increase canopy cover; and ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. ■ West Yorkshire Combined Authority. ■ White Rose Forest. ■ The Northern Forest. ■ Trees for Cities. ■ The Tree Council. ■ Woodland Trust. ■ Tree Cities of the World. ■ Local community groups. ■ Schools / youth groups. ■ Local businesses.	Management and maintenance considerations for future tree planting must be included early in the design process to ensure the successful establishment of tree planting. The involvement of local communities and stakeholders in long-term management should be matched by appropriate resources in terms of funding and staff support from City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council or partner organisations.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council e.g. 'Tree for Every Child' initiative and the Clean Air Schools Programme (CASP). ■ Dedicated tree establishment and management grants (e.g. White Rose Forest 'Green Streets' programme, The Northern Forest 'Trees for Climate' initiative, Bradford City AFC 'Trees for Goals' scheme, Trees for Cities (national scale tree planting programme), The Tree Council's 'Plant-a-Tree initiative' and 'Branching Out Fund', West Yorkshire Mayor's 'Climate Community Grant', Defra's 'Trees for Climate' programme, the Woodland Trust's MOREwoods Scheme / Emergency Tree Fund for Local Authorities and Forestry Commission's England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO) where some funding is available for peri-urban locations. ■ The National Lottery Heritage Fund ■ Private investment through green finance mechanisms. ■ Off-site BNG ■ Devolved government investment funding to Combined Authorities. ■ CSR contributions. ■ Personal and charitable donations.	Low to medium	Short-medium-term	Tree planting should be accompanied by a landscape management and maintenance plan to cover the 60 month establishment phase. Newly planted trees will be considered successfully established following inspection by a suitably qualified professional at the end of the establishment phase. Progress towards the district's 17% canopy cover target by 2050 should be evaluated on an annual basis, with a more significant review after three years.	A feasibility study should be undertaken to determine areas and species best suited to the tree planting interventions. Initiate engagement with residents and community groups to identify locations for tree planting and the selection of appropriate species. Identify appropriate funding sources

Opportunity B2: Creation of community growing spaces, including community orchards throughout the city	The areas surrounding Bradford city centre (e.g. Manningham, Bradford Moor and Little Horton) sit within IMD deciles 1 & 2, indicating that communities here experience the highest levels of deprivation. Areas immediately outside of the A6177 ring road are characterised by tree equity scores ranging between 50 – 75, indicating that most of these areas could benefit from further tree planting. The wards of Bradford Moor and Little Horton have some of the lowest ward canopy cover in the district, 9.91% and 12.67% respectively, and therefore should be a focus area. Climate Just's Social Heat Vulnerability Index indicates that levels of heat-related socio-spatial increase as you move further into the city centre. Areas surrounding the city have either an average or relatively high risk. Whilst planting of street trees may be difficult due to car parking restrictions, public parks, schools, cemeteries and mosques could offer areas for community growing and orchards which will contribute to increased tree canopy cover.	<u>Alignment with strategic objectives 3 & 4:</u> <u>Create new areas of wildlife rich habitat within urban areas &</u> <u>Increase tree canopy cover across the district, targeting areas where it will provide environmental justice benefits for underserved communities</u> Creation of community growing spaces and community orchards will contribute to the targets within the Bradford Good Food Strategy. Approximately 10% of survey respondents reported an under provision of allotments in the 2020 open space needs assessment. Provision would help to meet standards in the open space audit. These interventions will contribute to increased tree canopy cover and tree equity, which are currently lower than the district average. The opportunity will also improve resilience to climate change through urban cooling. Community growing areas could also support health and wellbeing initiatives. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline target proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Public Health Team. ■ Fruit works. ■ YorGreen CIC. ■ City of Nature CIC. ■ Get Out More. ■ Trees for Cities. ■ Team Wilder – Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.	Bradford Council Metropolitan District Public Health Team to work with delivery partners and local community groups for the creation and management of these spaces.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council Public Health Funding for the delivery of the Bradford Good Food Network Strategy. ■ Small grant funding including from the Tree Council Branching Out Fund (£250 - £2.5k) and Community Garden Grants (up to £5k) from the National Garden Scheme. ■ CSR contributions. ■ Personal and charitable donations.	Medium	Short to medium term	Number of community growing spaces created. Number of fruit trees planted. Number of local volunteer groups established to maintain these spaces.	Conduct a feasibility study to determine appropriate areas for the creation of community gardens and orchards. Engage with existing community groups and individuals to establish interest in establishment of community gardens. Establish appropriate funding sources.
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Opportunity B3: Create and restore accessible blue spaces (e.g. lakes and ponds) particularly in the north east to south west (e.g. Bradford Moor, Holme Wood and Little Horton)	There is a lack of access to blue space across the district and its surrounding areas, as evidenced by the Natural England GI Framework which indicates a limited number of blue space access points in the areas surrounding Bradford city centre. Interventions to create ponds in naturally wet or low-lying areas in close connection other habitats should be explored to boost ecological connectivity. Proposals should be designed to enhance physical and mental wellbeing, including circular paths or broad walks with seating around the pond. Opportunities to restore existing ponds, including control of invasive weeds and algae, should be promoted.	<u>Alignment with strategic objectives 3 & 5:</u> <u>Create new areas of wildlife rich habitat within urban areas and target the provision of new accessible greenspace and play in areas of deficiency and where there are high levels of deprivation</u> Ponds are important for biodiversity, supporting two thirds of all freshwater species. Ponds are especially important for supporting amphibians and invertebrates and support avifauna. Ponds are also an important recreational asset for local communities and boost wellbeing. Evidence suggests that spending time near blue spaces is particularly beneficial for mental well-being. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline target proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Parks and Countryside and Public Rights of Way and Neighbourhood teams and the Land Drainage Team. ■ West Yorkshire Combined Authority. ■ Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. ■ Natural England. ■ Local community groups. ■ Schools / youth groups. ■ Local businesses.	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council teams to work with delivery partners and local community groups to create and maintain ponds.	■ Grant funding. ■ CSR contributions. ■ Personal and charitable donations.	Low	Short-term	Number of ponds created or restored. Increased freshwater invertebrate and great crested newt abundance. Increased water quality of restored ponds using the PSYM methods.	Conduct a feasibility study to assess both the current condition of ponds and locations where new ponds could be created. Meet with local delivery partners to explore opportunities and establish support. Establish appropriate funding sources.
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Opportunity B4: Improve connections from outlying suburbs in the west of the district to the city centre, providing more opportunities for access and sustainable travel	Whilst there are existing cycle routes in the city centre from the north, south and east, the cycle network into the city from the west of the district is heavily fragmented. Routes along the B6144, A6177, A647 and the B6145 through Thornton (connecting to the Great Northern Rail Trail) should be prioritised for delivery with the aim of encouraging a modal shift towards sustainable travel for everyday journeys from the west and south of the city. The PRow Network in areas surrounding Bradford city centre is limited and heavily fragmented. Extensions and enhancements to the existing PRow network should be considered with new development schemes such as the Southern Gateway.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 6: Expand the active travel network, improve access and enhance the attractiveness of routes to encourage more active travel and improve health and wellbeing.</u> Wayfinding improvements, enhancements to the existing PRow network and the introduction of new cohesive routes should aim to promote access and active lives through sustainable travel. Interventions should aim to increase safety and accessibility, resulting in increased health and well-being and enjoyment of the surrounding landscape.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Countryside and Rights of Way Service, Active Travel Team. ■ Bradford Local Access Forum / Natural England. ■ West Yorkshire Combined Authority. ■ Town and parish councils. ■ Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans). ■ Local community groups (Ramblers). ■ Landowners.	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (Countryside and Rights of Way Service) will continue to be responsible for maintaining PRow and updating statutory registers relating to the definitive map and statement.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council – funding for network and asset improvements. ■ West Yorkshire Mayor's - Climate Community Grant Scheme and funding from the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement. ■ National Lottery Community Fund. ■ Funding through the planning system, as part of development e.g. S106 agreements.	Medium	Long-term	Implement audits to evaluate any changes in PRow usage patterns. Outcomes should be monitored in conjunction with community and behavioural programmes; including social prescribing initiatives and City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council's Active Travel Neighbourhood programme.	Engage with the local community to establish buy-in and identify priority routes for intervention. Engage with key landowners, local organisations and community groups to seek potential partner organisations. Conduct outreach efforts to understand land use and current maintenance regimes where PRow cross private land. Establish appropriate funding sources.
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Opportunity B5: Create links and awareness to Bradford Pennine Gateway NNR	The Bradford Pennine Gateway NNR was established in May 2025 to protect, enhance and promote natural spaces across the district. Opportunities should be explored to connect local communities in areas such as Manningham, Bradford Moor and Holme Wood with the NNR. This could include the creation of walking routes to the NNR sites, improved wayfinding, an awareness campaign on social media and public transport systems, and facilitated events.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 9: Build on and expand the existing partnership working across the district to ensure a coordinated approach to GBI delivery and management.</u> The development of an awareness campaign linked to the Bradford NNR will increase the number and diversity of visitors from urban centres across the district. This has the potential to increase health and well-being benefits for visitors as well as inspiration to take positive action for nature closer to home. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline target proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. ■ Natural England. ■ Town and Parish Councils. ■ Local Community Groups. ■ Local Access Forum. ■ eNGOS (e.g. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust). ■ School and youth groups.	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council and Natural England to support a steering group of partners to increase the awareness and links to the NNR.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council staff and resources. ■ Natural England staff and resources. ■ Grants including the National Lottery Community Fund. ■ CSR contributions. ■ Town and parish council funding. ■ Personal and charitable donations.	Medium	Medium-term	Number of visitors to the NNR from within Bradford city centre and surrounding wards. Numbered of engagement events targeting Bradford city residents.	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council and Natural England should continue to support a steering group to develop an awareness campaign and opportunities to support local communities accessing the NNR. Potential delivery partners to work with include the Canal and Rivers Trust, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (team wilder) and Better Start Bradford. Explore opportunities to include reference to the Bradford NNR on public transport systems and road signs. Explore opportunities to create and advertise active travel routes which connect to the NNR.
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Opportunity B6: Connect heavily fragmented woodland between Northcliffe Park and Peel Park in the north and Bowling Park and Bierley Woods in the south	Woodland surrounding the city centre is sparse and heavily fragmented. Increasing woodland cover will help to enhance habitat connectivity, biodiversity and increase resilience to climate change. Increasing woodland connectivity could be achieved via natural regeneration complemented with planting of locally appropriate species.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 4: Increase tree canopy cover across the district, targeting areas where it will provide environmental justice benefits for underserved communities.</u> Opportunities to connect fragmented areas of woodland will help to achieve the aims within the White Rose Forest Strategic Plan (2025-2050). This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline targets proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 1: Decrease the number of species of concern deemed as 'at risk'; and ■ Target 2: Increase canopy cover.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (including the Locality Neighbourhoods and Communities Area Teams). ■ West Yorkshire Combined Authority. ■ White Rose Forest. ■ The Northern Forest. ■ Trees for Cities. ■ The Tree Council. ■ Woodland Trust. ■ Tree Cities of the World. ■ Local community groups. ■ Schools / youth groups. ■ Local businesses.	Management and maintenance considerations for future tree planting must be included early in the design process to ensure the successful establishment of tree planting. The involvement of local communities and stakeholders in long-term management should be matched by appropriate resources in terms of funding and staff support from City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council or partner organisations.	■ Dedicated tree establishment and management grants (e.g. White Rose Forest 'Green Streets' programme, The Northern Forest 'Trees for Climate' initiative, Bradford City AFC 'Trees for Goals' scheme, Trees for Cities (national scale tree planting programme), The Tree Council's 'Plant-a-Tree initiative' and 'Branching Out Fund', West Yorkshire Mayor's 'Climate Community Grant', Defra's 'Trees for Climate' programme and the Woodland Trust's MOREwoods Scheme / Emergency Tree Fund for Local Authorities. ■ Other grant funding, such as the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Forestry Commission's England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO) where some funding is available for peri-urban locations. ■ Private investment through green finance mechanisms. ■ Off-site BNG. ■ Natural capital / ecosystem services payments. ■ Devolved government investment funding to Combined Authorities. ■ CSR contributions. ■ Personal and charitable donations.	Low	Medium term	Progress towards the district's 17% canopy cover target by 2050 should be evaluated on an annual basis, with a more significant review after three years.	A feasibility study should be conducted to explored areas where tree planting could occur to connect woodland parcels. Engage with landowners to establish support for delivery. Identify appropriate funding sources.
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Indicative cost	Value (£)
Low	<£250k
Medium	£250k - £1 million
High	>£1 million

Indicative timescale	Number of years
Short-term	Up to 3 years
Medium-term	>3 years to 6 years
Long-term	>6 years to 10 years or above

Table D.3 GBI Focus Area C: Keighley - Emerging GBI opportunities

Name of GBI opportunity	Overview and justification for inclusion	Benefits	Potential delivery partners	Governance arrangements	Funding mechanism(s)	Indicative cost	Indicative timescale	Measurable outcomes	Next steps
Opportunity C1: Working with the National Trust (East Riddlesden Hall) and Yorkshire Water, explore opportunities to create Marley County Park	The proposed site of Marley Country Park is characterised by approximately 45 hectares of land on either side of the River Aire; including City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council's Marley playing fields, the National Trust's East Riddlesden Hall & non-operational land adjacent to Marley Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW). Lying to the north of Keighley, the site is located within an area of high GBI need and low existing GBI provision. On average, areas of accessible GBI per 1,000 of the population equates to 0.03km² some of the lowest levels in the region. The majority of Keighley falls into IMD deciles 1 and 2. Potential facilities within the site include a new community building / education centre, footpath network around the site linking in with local amenities and the existing PRoW, two new river bridges to promote access and restoration of heritage features and natural habitats. Other potential recreational features which should be considered include interpretation boards, community growing space, fishing platforms and bird hides. Improved wayfinding would aid accessibility and promote use of the park. Recreational opportunities at the proposed country park offers the opportunity to reduce pressure on the surrounding South Pennine Moors SPA / SAC. Habitat restoration could also include measures to reduce fluvial and surface water flood risk.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 5: Target the provision of new accessible greenspace and play in areas of deficiency and where there are high levels of deprivation.</u> The creation of the country park should aim to maximise the environmental and social benefits of the area. Overall, the park will create nature-rich recreational space which is easily accessible to underserved communities within Keighley. Potential benefits include increased access to nature for health and well-being and education, reduced pressure on the South Pennine Moors SPA / SAC, restoration of heritage features and enhancements to biodiversity. The park could also address high surface and fluvial flooding risk in the area. Proposals may improve access to the area through active travel and other sustainable means. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline target proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. ■ Yorkshire Water. ■ National Trust.	Delivery partners to agree at outset who will take on ownership and management of the country park, with maintenance funding burden potentially split across organisations.	■ National Lottery Community Fund or other large grant giving funds. ■ Funding through the planning system, as part of development e.g. S106 agreements. ■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council – funding for network and asset improvements. ■ CSR contributions. ■ Personal and charitable donations.	Medium	Long-term	Monitor number of visitors and / or events / activities to engage local communities with nature. Assess the health and well-being impacts of engagement activities. Assess changes in Natural England Accessible Greenspace local and neighbourhood access standards. Assess changes in management practices within the county to enhance biodiversity including habitat creation and restoration.	Continue conversations between all landowners to progress the project forwards. Establish appropriate funding sources.

Opportunity C2: Improve the condition of footpaths within Higher and Lower Holme House Wood, including the installation of a footbridge	Higher and Lower Holme House Wood covers approximately 10 hectares and is located to the west of Keighley. Most of the woodland is owned by the Woodland Trust, with some parcels under private ownership. Holme House Woods offers an attractive walking area for local residents within close proximity to the village of Laycock and the town of Keighley. However, footpaths within the woodland can be exceptionally wet and muddy for most of the year, limiting access. Public access should be improved with an additional footbridge to the eastern side of Lower Holme House Wood, affording improved access.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 6: Expand the active travel network, improve access and enhance the attractiveness of routes to encourage more active travel and improve health and well-being.</u> Wayfinding improvements, enhancements to the existing PRoW network and the installation of a new footbridge will aim to promote access and active lives through sustainable travel. Improvements to existing footpaths should also reduce recreational disturbance to ground flora. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline target proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Countryside and Rights of Way Service ■ Bradford Local Access Forum ■ Woodland Trust. ■ Private landowner.	The maintenance of paths will likely form the responsibility City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council – funding for network and asset improvements. ■ West Yorkshire Mayor's - Climate Community Grant Scheme and funding from the Transport for City Regions Funding. ■ National Lottery Community Fund. ■ Funding through the planning system, as part of development e.g. S106 agreements or CIL. ■ Community Infrastructure Levy ■ CSR contributions. ■ Personal and charitable donations.	Low	Short-term	Increased footfall within the woodland. Improved condition of the footpath network and reduction of 'desire lines'. Reduction in disturbance to ground flora.	Undertake walkover survey to identify areas of paths which require upgrading. Prepare designs for path improvements. Engage with landowners to secure support for route upgrades. Establish appropriate funding sources. Appoint a contractor to deliver works and identify opportunities for communities / volunteers to assist in delivery and ongoing maintenance.
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Opportunity C3: Restore sections of the River Worth and North Beck	The River Worth and North Beck flow through Keighley. Environment Agency WFD data indicates that ecological water quality status of the rivers are 'moderate' and their ecological status is 'poor', In line with the River Worth and Tributaries Management Plan, key improvements to the watercourses should include: re-naturalisation of the river channel and addition of woody debris, removal of weirs, mapping, removal of invasive species and creation of riparian habitats. High surface and fluvial flooding risk should be addressed by natural flood management techniques, such as tree planting and leaky dams. Restoration of footpaths and improvements to wayfinding to improve accessibility along the watercourse.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 8. Support river restoration efforts, including re-naturalisation of heavily modified watercourses and removal of invasive non-native species to enhance water quality and reduce flood risk.</u> Re-naturalisation of the River Worth and North Beck, addition of woody debris and removal of weirs and invasive species will boost species populations. In addition, installation of leaky dams and tree planting upstream should reduce flood risk within the town. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline target proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 4: Increase the ecological status of rivers.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. ■ Friends of River Worth. ■ Aire Rivers Trust. ■ Yorkshire Water. ■ Canal and Rivers Trust. ■ The Rivers Trust. ■ Environment Agency.	Creation of a River Worth Partnership to facilitate coordinated working and knowledge sharing between groups along the River Worth (as suggested the River Worth Management Plan).	■ Funding through the planning system, as part of development e.g. S106 agreements. ■ Grant funding including the Water Restoration Fund ■ CSR contributions. ■ Personal and charitable donations.	Medium	Long-term	Improvements in the ecological and chemical status of the river. Number of weirs removed. Increased numbers of fish passing upstream to breed. Number of natural flood management measures installed. Reduction in flood risk and flood events downstream. Reduction in presence of invasive species.	Creation of a River Worth Partnership to coordinate knowledge sharing for those who manage the river. Undertake hydrological and ecological surveys to identify data gaps to identify appropriate restoration methods. Consult with landowners, local communities and other stakeholders. Conduct a feasibility study into restoration methods including the removal of weirs along the river. Undertake design and identify funding. Explore options for a citizen science project to map invasive species along the river.
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Opportunity C4: Seek opportunities to re-naturalise sections of the River Aire through the north of Keighley	The River Aire flows through the north of Keighley. Environment Agency WFD data indicates that ecological water quality status of the watercourse is 'poor' and the ecological status is moderate. Fluvial and surface water flood risk surround the River Aire. Current challenges facing the River Aire include: physical modifications, pollution from agriculture and wastewater, non-native invasive species and loss of riparian habitats. Restoring sections of the River Aire could create more attractive public realm through riparian habitat creation and creation of pocket parks, as well as riverside walking routes.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 8. Support river restoration efforts, including re-naturalisation of heavily modified watercourses and removal of invasive non-native species to enhance water quality and reduce flood risk.</u> Restoration projects along the River Aire should aim to remove weirs. This intervention will enable fish passage for key species such as brown trout and Atlantic salmon to reach spawning grounds and cooler water in times of high temperatures. The opportunity will increase the coverage of riparian habitats, reducing flood risk and enhancing water quality. Restoration of the river should also aim to enhance the recreational value of the watercourse. This could include the installation of fishing platforms and access points for kayaks and canoes. This GBI opportunity will support the following headline target proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 4: Increase the ecological status of rivers.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. ■ Aire Rivers Trust. ■ Yorkshire Water. ■ Canal and Rivers Trust. ■ Friends of River Worth. ■ The River Trust. ■ Environment Agency.	River Aire Catchment Partnership	■ Funding through the planning system, as part of development e.g. S106 agreements. ■ Grant funding including the water restoration fund. ■ CSR contributions. ■ Personal and charitable donations.	Medium	Long-term	Improvements in the ecological and chemical status of the watercourse. Number of weirs removed. Increased numbers of fish passing upstream to breed. Number of natural flood management measures installed. Reduction in flood risk and flood events downstream. Reduction in presence of invasive species.	Undertake hydrological and ecological surveys and identify data gaps to identify appropriate restoration methods. Consult with landowners, local communities and other stakeholders. Conduct a feasibility study into restoration methods including the removal of weirs along the river. Undertake design and identify funding. Explore options for a citizen science project to map invasive species along the river.
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Opportunity C5: Improve the management and access of Park Wood LNR	Park wood is a community woodland and Local Wildlife Site owned by City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, equating to approximately 13 hectares. In 2025, it was declared an LNR. A section of the site is classified as ancient semi-natural woodland (an irreplaceable habitat) and plantation on ancient woodland. 55 features of archaeological and historical significance are recorded within Park Wood. Following the recent declaration of the site as an LNR, enhancement work should focus on providing an easily accessible greenspace for underserved communities in the east of Keighley. This could include the creation of an area to support community based outdoor activities and an outreach programme to encourage more local volunteers to assist with its management. Improvements to wayfinding would improve accessibility and promote use of the nature reserve.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 2: Improve the condition of existing designated sites through habitat restoration, and the implementation of enhanced management practices.</u> Management of the woodland should follow the objectives of the LNR management plan to encourage and maintain regenerative native broadleaved woodland, increase biodiversity through native species planting and remove / prevent invasive species. Management should also protect and preserve archaeological features, including veteran trees. Opportunities to incorporate community volunteering programmes and engagement activities should also be considered. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline targets proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 1: Decrease the number of species of concern deemed as 'at risk'. ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Woodland Team. ■ Friends of Park Wood. ■ Wharfedale Naturalists.	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council Woodland team to offer support to the Friends of Park Wood regarding management of the site.	■ Day to day management provided through Friends of Park Wood Volunteers. ■ Personal and charitable donations. ■ Small grants for enhancements, where required.	Low	Short-term	Enhanced ecological condition of the site, including removal of invasive species. Increased biodiversity of the woodland. Increased use of the woodland by local communities.	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council Woodland Team to continue to support Park Wood in the management of the LNR. Explore opportunities for the creation of a LNR peer support network to assist all newly declared LNRS across the district. This could be led by Wharfedale Naturalists who are experienced at managing LNRS within the district.
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Opportunity C6: Create a network of community growing spaces, including community orchards throughout the town (including community orchards) in parks and public spaces (as well as schools, healthcare settings and places of worship)	Central Keighley has some of the lowest Woodland Trust Tree Equity scores in the district (52 & 56). Furthermore, the Climate Just Social Heat Vulnerability Index indicates that levels of heat-related socio-spatial vulnerability are “relatively high” in central Keighley. Health indicators such as percentage of overweight children, prevalence of depression and levels of unemployment are higher than the district average. The majority of Keighley falls into IMD deciles 1 and 2. Whilst planting of street trees may be difficult due to car parking restrictions, open spaces in Keighley offer the opportunity areas for the introduction of community growing spaces which will contribute to increased tree canopy cover.	<u>Alignment with strategic objectives 3, 4 & 5:</u> <u>Create new areas of wildlife rich habitat within urban areas</u> <u>Increase tree canopy cover across the district, targeting areas where it will provide environmental justice benefits for underserved communities</u> <u>Target the provision of new accessible greenspace and play in areas of deficiency and where there are high levels of deprivation</u> The creation of community growing spaces and orchards will contribute to the targets within the Bradford Good Food Strategy. The intervention will also contribute to increased tree canopy cover tree equity, which are currently lower than the district average. It will also improve resilience to climate change through urban cooling. Community growing areas could also support health and well-being initiatives in the town, including the Bradford District Care Trust’s green therapy programme. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline targets proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 2: Increase canopy cover; and ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Public Health Team. ■ Fruit Works. ■ YorGreen CIC. ■ City of Nature CIC. ■ Get Out More. ■ Trees for Cities. ■ Team Wilder – Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. ■ Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust who already manage a community growing space within the town.	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council Public Health Team to work with delivery partners (inc. BDCFT) and local communities groups to support the creation and management of these spaces.	■ Delivery through development by meeting open space standards and/or section 106 contributions. ■ Bradford Council Public Health Funding for the delivery of the Bradford Good Food Network Strategy. ■ Small grant funding including from the Tree Council Branching Out Fund (£250 - £2.5k) and Community Garden Grants (up to £5k) from the National Garden Scheme. ■ CSR contributions. ■ Personal and charitable donations.	Low - medium	Short - medium-term	Number of community growing spaces created. Number of fruit trees planted. Number of local volunteer groups established to maintain these spaces.	Conduct a feasibility study to determine appropriate areas for the creation of community gardens and orchards. Engage with existing community groups and individuals to establish interest in establishment of community gardens Establish appropriate funding sources
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Opportunity C7: Increase and expand nature-friendly management practices and provision of habitats (e.g. ponds, nest boxes, wildflower meadows and bug hotels) across parks, road verges and open spaces in Keighley	The State of Nature Report for Yorkshire (2024) states that 3,000 species are at risk of extinction across Yorkshire and that 1 in 5 species have declined by more than 25% in the last 20 – 30 years. Increases in nature-friendly management practices and the provision of wildlife habitats will help to reverse this decline. A volunteer network / programme should be developed to identify key locations where habitats could be enhanced and to assist with maintenance and management. Interventions should focus on the enhancement and growth of pollinator friendly habitats such as wildflower meadows and grasslands, woodland, and hedgerow networks. Areas within North Keighley are located within a strategic B-line, indicating that the area is important for wildlife connectivity - particularly pollinators.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 3. Create new areas of wildlife rich habitat within urban areas.</u> This opportunity will improve existing habitat and create new areas of habitat for pollinators. This could be supplemented with an awareness campaign providing opportunities for nature education and engagement with local communities. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline targets proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: - Target 1: Decrease the number of species of concern deemed as 'at risk'. - Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	- City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council - Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. - Get Out More CIC. - Friends of Cliffe Castle. - City of Nature CIC.	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council to explore changes in management practices of greenspaces, supported by local delivery partners.	- City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council - Local volunteer groups. - Grant funding, such as the National Lottery Heritage Fund. - Private investment through green finance mechanisms. - Off-site BNG contributions. - Devolved government investment funding to Combined Authorities. - CSR contributions - Personal and charitable donations. - A pond could be funded via the Biffa Nature Recovery Fund (of which postcodes in Keighley are able to apply).	Low	Short-term	Habitat monitoring and quantitative surveying of insect populations and pollinator diversity	Engage with key landowners, local organisations and community groups to seek potential partner organisations. Establish appropriate funding sources. Launch a community awareness campaign to garner support.
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Low	<£250k
Medium	£250k - £1 million
High	>£1 million

Indicative timescale	Number of years
Short-term	Up to 3 years
Medium-term	>3 years to 6 years
Long-term	>6 years to 10 years or above

Table D.4: GBI Focus Area D: Keighley-Shipley-Bingley Corridor - Emerging GBI opportunities

Name of GBI opportunity	Overview and justification for inclusion	Benefits	Potential delivery partners	Governance arrangements	Funding mechanism(s)	Indicative cost	Indicative timescale	Measurable outcomes	Next steps
Opportunity D1: Integrate street trees and pocket parks along key high streets and commuting routes to improve the public realm and enhance the setting of active travel routes	Address disparities and inequitable access to trees across the three settlements, as identified by <i>ClimateJust</i> data and the Woodland Trust's Tree Equity Score. Investment should be prioritised in locations in the greatest need of people-focused investment in trees. The urban centres of Keighley and Shipley, as well as land lying to the west of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal in Bingley, should form target locations for tree planting establishment. The aspirations of the White Rose Forest Strategic Plan (2025-2050) should be reflected in the proposals. A hierarchy of trees should be established; for example, principal tree lined streets, streets with trees incorporated within parking nodes and streets with trees to frame views.	<u>Alignment with strategic objective 4: Increase tree canopy cover across the district, targeting areas where it will provide environmental justice benefits for underserved communities.</u> Proposals should aim to mitigate the urban heat island effect as well as benefit communities more socially vulnerable to poor air quality and extreme heat events. The introduction of additional street tree planting will also soften the existing public realm, delivering a positive contribution to townscape character. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline targets proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 2: Increase canopy cover; and ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (including the Locality Neighbourhoods and Communities Area Teams). ■ West Yorkshire Combined Authority. ■ White Rose Forest . ■ The Northern Forest. ■ Trees for Cities. ■ The Tree Council. ■ Woodland Trust. ■ Tree Cities of the World.. ■ Local community groups. ■ Schools / youth groups. ■ Local businesses.	Management and maintenance considerations for future tree planting must be included early in the design process to ensure the successful establishment of tree planting. The involvement of local communities and stakeholders in long-term management should be matched by appropriate resources in terms of funding and staff support from City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council or partner organisations.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council e.g. 'Tree for Every Child' initiative and the Clean Air Schools Programme (CASP). ■ Dedicated tree establishment and management grants (e.g. White Rose Forest 'Green Streets' programme, The Northern Forest 'Trees for Climate' initiative, Bradford City AFC 'Trees for Goals' scheme, Trees for Cities (national scale tree planting programme), The Tree Council's 'Plant-a-Tree initiative' and 'Branching Out Fund', West Yorkshire Mayor's 'Climate Community Grant', Defra's 'Trees for Climate' programme, Woodland Trust's MOREwoods Scheme / Emergency Tree Fund for Local Authorities and the Forestry Commission's England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO) where some funding is available for peri-urban locations. ■ The National Lottery Heritage Fund ■ Private investment through green finance mechanisms. ■ Funding through the planning system, as part of development e.g. S106 agreements. ■ Natural capital / ecosystem services payments. ■ Devolved government investment funding to Combined Authorities. ■ CSR contributions. ■ Personal and charitable donations.	Low to medium	Short-medium-term	Tree planting should be accompanied by a landscape management and maintenance plan to cover the 60 month establishment phase. Newly planted trees will be considered successfully established following inspection by a suitably qualified professional at the end of the establishment phase. Progress towards the district's 17% canopy cover target by 2050 should be evaluated on an annual basis, with a more significant review after three years.	A feasibility study should be undertaken to determine areas and species best suited to the tree planting interventions. Initiate engagement with residents and community groups to identify locations for tree planting and the selection of appropriate species.

Opportunity D2: Improve connections from the Leeds & Liverpool Canal to adjacent urban areas, providing more opportunities for access and sustainable travel	Introduce a series of improvements to the PRoW network connecting to the Leeds & Liverpool Canal to support access to this important blue corridor and valued recreational resource. Interventions should involve the clear demarcation of PRoW along the periphery of neighbouring settlements, providing adequate 'gateways' to increase the legibility of footpath entrances which lead towards the Leeds & Liverpool Canal. Existing routes which are currently fragmented or degraded should be prioritised for delivery with the aim of encouraging a modal shift towards sustainable travel. Surfacing along PRoW will also require improvements and maintenance, particularly in areas of poor drainage or heavy traffic, to ensure continued access and ease of use.	<u>Alignment with objective 6: Expand the active travel network, improve access and enhance the attractiveness of routes to encourage more active travel and improve health and wellbeing.</u> Wayfinding improvements, enhancements to the existing PRoW network and the introduction of new cohesive routes should aim to promote access and active lives through sustainable travel. Interventions should aim to increase safety and accessibility, resulting in increased health and well-being and enjoyment of the surrounding landscape. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline target proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Countryside and Rights of Way Service. ■ Bradford Local Access Forum ■ West Yorkshire Combined Authority. ■ Town and parish councils. ■ Canal and River Trust. ■ Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans). ■ Local community groups (Ramblers). ■ Landowners. ■ Parks 'Friends of' groups.	The maintenance of paths will likely form the responsibility City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council – funding for network and asset improvements. ■ West Yorkshire Mayor's - Climate Community Grant Scheme and funding from the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement. ■ Transport for City Regions (formerly) Active Travel England. ■ National Lottery Community Fund. ■ Funding through the planning system, as part of development e.g. S106 agreements. ■ Community Infrastructure Levy.	Medium term	Medium term	Increase in in PRoW usage patterns. Increase in park visitor numbers and a more diverse user demographic.	Engage with the local community to establish buy-in and identify priority routes for intervention. Audit popular parks/routes. Establish appropriate funding sources.
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Opportunity D3: Introduce improvements along National Cycle Route 69 (and 696) with the aim of enhancing condition, functionality and accessibility	Explore the opportunity to introduce well-designed and appropriately sited seating opportunities, allowing journeys to be divided into regular intervals to support access for those with mobility or visual impairments. Opportunities to integrate GI should also be considered. Improved wayfinding and signage along the routes will aid route planning, providing additional information to aid accessibility and interpretation. Where possible, routes should be extended into neighbouring settlements, with a specific focus on traffic free routes. Sections should be widened for shared surface walking and wheeling routes, although this is noted to be difficult along towpath sections of the NCN696.	<u>Alignment with objective 6: Expand the active travel network, improve access and enhance the attractiveness of routes to encourage more active travel and improve health and wellbeing</u> Wayfinding improvements, enhancements to the existing NCN route, and expansion or introduction of connecting routes into adjoining settlements will improve accessibility and encourage more active use, helping to promote active lives through sustainable travel. Interventions should aim to increase safety and accessibility, resulting in increased health and well-being and enjoyment of the surrounding landscape. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline target proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Countryside and Rights of Way Service. ■ Bradford Local Access Forum / Natural England. ■ West Yorkshire Combined Authority. ■ Town and parish councils. ■ Canal and River Trust. ■ Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans).	Governance arrangements to be agreed between the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust and the Highway Authority and / or landowners taking responsibility of sections of the route where relevant. City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (Countryside and Rights of Way Service) will continue to be responsible for maintaining PRow and updating statutory registers relating to the definitive map and statement.	■ West Yorkshire Mayor's - Climate Community Grant Scheme. ■ Transport for City Region's Fund. ■ Funding through the planning system, as part of development e.g. S106 agreements. ■ Devolved government investment funding to Combined Authorities. ■ CSR contributions. ■ Personal and charitable donations. ■ Community Infrastructure Levy.	Medium	Medium term	Measurement of the number of users of the walking and cycle route will indicate improvements to access. Additional access audits and qualitative surveying of users should be used to identify changes in usage patterns, such as increases in those using the route for leisure or commuting.	Engage with the local community to establish buy-in and identify priority routes for intervention. Seek advice as to whether any permissions or consents should be acquired (including ecology and cultural heritage considerations). Engage with key landowners, local organisations and community groups to seek potential partner organisations. Conduct outreach efforts to understand land use and current maintenance regimes where the NCN crosses private land. Establish appropriate funding sources.
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Opportunity D4: Expand, buffer and connect fragmented deciduous woodland to the north of Keighley, including Low Wood LNR, to improve habitat connectivity and resilience of irreplaceable ancient woodland habitat	Address the current fragmented condition of deciduous and ancient woodland, particularly relating to areas adjacent to settlement such as Low Wood LNR and areas identified as having a higher Nature Deficit Burden by the IMD. Interventions should include the planting of locally appropriate woodland to connect fragmented parcels, whilst ongoing management of existing parcels should improve biodiversity, access to nature and priority habitat improvements.	<u>Alignment with objective 1: Increase the amount of important habitat protected through local designation, targeting areas where this could also improve access to nature.</u> <u>And objective 4: Increase tree canopy cover across the district, targeting areas where it will provide environmental justice benefits for underserved communities</u> Woodland expansion should aim to increase provision and access to nature in areas of high need. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline targets proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 1: Decrease the number of species of concern deemed as 'at risk'; and ■ Target 2: Increase canopy cover.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council ■ West Yorkshire Combined Authority. ■ Local community groups. ■ Schools / youth groups. ■ Local businesses. ■ The Northern Forest.	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust will continue to be responsible for maintaining designated woodland such as the existing Low Wood LNR, with City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council or private landowners responsible for the management of non-designated woodland. Local communities may seek to take over management of local green spaces.	■ Dedicated tree establishment and management grants (e.g. The Northern Forest 'Trees for Climate' initiative, The Tree Council's 'Branching Out Fund', West Yorkshire Mayor's 'Climate Community Grant', Defra's 'Trees for Climate' programme and the Woodland Trust's MOREwoods Scheme / Emergency Tree Fund for Local Authorities. ■ Other grant funding, such as the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Forestry Commission's England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO) where some funding is available for peri-urban locations. ■ Private investment through green finance mechanisms. ■ Funding through the planning system, as part of development e.g. tree canopy cover standard, BNG or S106 agreements. ■ Devolved government investment funding to Combined Authorities. ■ CSR contributions. ■ Personal and charitable donations.	Low	Short-term	Tree planting should be accompanied by a landscape management and maintenance plan to cover the 60 month establishment phase. Newly planted trees will be considered successfully established following inspection by a suitably qualified professional at the end of the establishment phase. Progress towards the district's 17% canopy cover target by 2050 should be evaluated on an annual basis, with a more significant review after three years.	A condition survey of the existing woodlands should be conducted, alongside a feasibility study undertaken to determine areas and species best suited to the tree planting interventions. Consultation is required with stakeholders and private land owners to achieve maximum project output and buy-in. Establish appropriate funding sources.
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Opportunity D5: Expand and buffer valuable semi-natural habitats; including lowland fen to the north of Bingley and floodplain grazing marsh to the north of Keighley	Review the condition of existing semi-natural habitats and assess the feasibility for the expansion and improved connectivity of habitats. Interventions should focus on the restoration of natural hydrology and transition from intensively managed agricultural land to low-intensity grazing systems to allow semi-natural habitat to expand, while establishing buffer zones to improve water quality and enhance ecological connectivity. This opportunity will be achieved through a combination of direct interventions such as planting or scrapes, and through longer term management of the agricultural areas to allow for the expansion of habitat.	<u>Alignment with objective 1: Increase the amount of important habitat protected through local designation, targeting areas where this could also improve access to nature.</u> Interventions should work to protect existing valuable semi-natural habitat. Maintenance and management changes should expand the extent of semi-natural habitat to create a wider habitat network when connected with others, and improving the potential for access to nature. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline target proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 1: Decrease the number of species of concern deemed as 'at risk'.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. ■ Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. ■ The Woodland Trust. ■ Private landowners/managers.	Management and maintenance considerations for semi-natural habitat must be included early in the design process and conducted by the landowner / farmer to ensure the successful establishment and enhancement of priority habitat and buffer habitats. The involvement of local communities and stakeholders in long-term management should be matched by appropriate resources in terms of funding and staff support from City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council or partner organisations.	■ Grant funding, such as the National Lottery Heritage Fund. ■ Environmental land management schemes (ELMS). ■ Private investment through green finance mechanisms. ■ Off-site BNG contributions.	Low	Short-term	Habitat monitoring to ensure the successful establishment of new habitat, including an accompanied landscape management and maintenance plan to cover the 60-month establishment phase.	A condition survey of the existing habitat should be conducted, alongside a feasibility study undertaken to determine areas and species best suited to habitat expansion and / or buffer area planting. Consultation is required with stakeholders and private landowners/managers to achieve maximum project output and buy-in. Establish appropriate funding sources.
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Opportunity D6: Increase and expand nature-friendly management practices and provision of habitats (e.g. ponds, nest boxes, wildflower meadows and bug hotels) focussing on area within Buglife's B-network corridors which follow the route of the Leeds-Liverpool canal	The State of Nature Report for Yorkshire (2024) states that 3,000 species are at risk of extinction across Yorkshire and that 1 in 5 species have declined by more than 25% in the last 20 – 30 years. Increases in nature-friendly management practices and the provision of wildlife habitats will help to reverse this decline. A volunteer network / programme should be developed to identify key locations where habitats could be enhanced and to assist with maintenance and management. Interventions should focus on the enhancement and growth of pollinator friendly habitats such as wildflower meadows and grasslands, woodland, and hedgerow networks.	<u>Alignment with objective 3: Create new areas of wildlife rich habitat within urban areas</u> This opportunity will improve existing habitat and create new areas of habitat for pollinators. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline targets proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: ■ Target 1: Decrease the number of species of concern deemed as 'at risk'. ■ Target 5: Increase access to greenspace.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. ■ Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. ■ Get Out More CIC. ■ Friends of Cliffe Castle. ■ City of Nature CIC.	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council to explore changes in management practices of greenspaces, supported by local delivery partners.	■ City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council ■ Local volunteer groups ■ Grant funding, such as the National Lottery Heritage Fund. ■ Private investment through green finance mechanisms. ■ Off-site BNG contributions. ■ Devolved government investment funding to Combined Authorities. ■ CSR contributions. ■ Personal and charitable donations.	Low	Short-term	Habitat monitoring and quantitative surveying of insect populations and pollinator diversity.	Engage with key landowners, local organisations and community groups to seek potential partner organisations. Establish appropriate funding sources. Launch a community awareness campaign to garner support.
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Opportunity D7: Support landowners to deliver natural flood management across the GBI focus area as well as efforts to improve water quality	Promote and deliver natural flood management measures such as leaky dams, wetlands, floodplain reconnection, soil improvements and riparian planting. Measures such as the restoration of natural meanders in the watercourse should also be explored to slow water flow, reduce peak flood levels, and enhance groundwater recharge. These interventions should be strategically placed to mitigate flood risks, whilst improving the overall resilience of the hydrological system.	<u>Alignment with objective 2: Support river restoration efforts, including re-naturalisation of heavily modified watercourses and removal of invasive non-native species to enhance water quality and reduce flood risk</u> Interventions should seek to effectively retain water or slow the flow during high-rainfall events, particularly in areas of high risk to flooding such as Keighley, between Bradford Road and the A650 to the north east of Keighley, and Cottingley, as well as to provide benefit at a catchment level. Interventions will also improve the quality of water entering the watercourses, classified as 'moderate' as of 2015. This GBI Opportunity will support the following headline target proposed within the West Yorkshire LNRS: Target 4: Increase the ecological status of rivers.	- Local farmers and landowners. - City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. - West Yorkshire LNRS team. - Environment Agency. - Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. - Yorkshire Water. - Woodland Trust. - Community groups.	Management and maintenance responsibilities for establishment of semi-natural habitat should be undertaken by the landowner / farmer, funded through Environmental Land Management (ELM) schemes.	- Grant funding. - Private investment through green finance mechanisms. - DEFRA Environmental Land Management (ELM) schemes. - DEFRA's Natural Flood Management programme. - Local authority environmental funding.	Medium	Short-medium term	Ongoing monitoring of watercourses to measure flow rate and maximum depth during high-rainfall events, water quality. Habitat surveys to assess the quality and extent of increased habitat.	Assess catchment mapping to identify key project areas. Engage with landowners and stakeholders to gain support for project delivery. Undertake detailed ecological assessments, where required. Identify and conduct pilot schemes. Establish appropriate funding sources.
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Indicative cost	Value (£)
Low	<£250k
Medium	£250k - £1 million
High	>£1 million

Indicative timescale	Number of years
Short-term	Up to 3 years
Medium-term	>3 years to 6 years
Long-term	>6 years to 10 years or above

Table D.5 Supporting GBI opportunities

Name of GBI opportunity	Overview and justification for inclusion	Benefits	Potential delivery partners	Measurable outcomes	Next steps
Opportunity E1: Undertake audit of all existing GBI projects and delivery partners active in the district	This Strategy has aimed to identify many of the GBI projects and partners active in the district. However, it is possible that gaps remain. This opportunity would see an audit of all active GBI projects and delivery partners in the district which can then be regularly updated. Having an accurate and up to date picture of all GBI projects underway would allow any duplication and/or gaps in delivery to be identified.	The audit will allow a move towards joined up working, which will maximise the benefits of investment in GBI, facilitating progress towards the vision and all of the strategic objectives.	■ Nature Towns and Cities team	All GBI projects and delivery partners identified and updated.	Identify team member to undertake audit. Identify GBI partners and engage with them to identify details on all GBI projects.
Opportunity E2: Create a GBI steering group to oversee GBI projects in the district	Building on the benefits of an up-to-date audit of GBI projects and delivery partners, the creation of a GBI steering group would enable the continuation of joined up GBI delivery in the district. This would maximise investment by ensuring there is no duplication of effort and that resources can be targeted where there are existing gaps so that maximum benefits can be sought. It would also help to identify new opportunities for partnership working so that more transformational projects can be delivered.	Streamlined resources and joined up working will maximise the benefits of investment in GBI, facilitating progress towards the vision and all of the strategic objectives.	■ Nature Towns and Cities Team (facilitator) ■ All delivery partners	Involvement of the majority of GBI delivery partners in the district. Regular schedule of meetings	Identify and contact delivery partners to determine interest. Set up regular schedule of meetings. Develop a memorandum of understanding between group members to determine the purpose of the group and the role of group members.
Opportunity E3: Undertake a skills audit and develop a skills and training framework for green jobs	Investment in GBI opportunities will only achieve its full potential if there is a workforce with the knowledge and practical skills required to plan, create, maintain and monitor these assets. This opportunity will allow any existing skills gaps to be identified which may prohibit the delivery of the GBI opportunities in this Strategy, as well as other identified GBI projects.	Having an adequately skilled workforce to deliver and maintain the GBI opportunities will facilitate progress towards the vision and all strategic objectives. Economic benefits will be created through the creation of local jobs and apprenticeships.	■ CBMDC ■ Local schools, colleges and universities ■ Local contractors ■ Delivery partners	Completed skills audit with annual updates completed and identified skills gaps decreasing annually. Number of people engaged in training opportunities.	Identify skills required for each of the GBI opportunities identified in the Strategy plus others which emerge through the project audit. Engage with delivery partners and relevant local contractors to understand existing local capacity to undertake these projects and existing skills gaps. Work with local schools, colleges and universities to promote the delivery of relevant courses / training programmes. Work with local colleges and contractors to create new apprenticeship opportunities.
Opportunity E4: Support the continuation and development of health and well-being programmes which connect to GBI	There are several Nature and Health projects underway in the district; including green therapy, Nature in Mind and Bradford on Foot (among many others). The Nature and Wellbeing programme was recently launched as a partnership between the CBMDC Public Health team and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. This opportunity should see the continued support and development of this programme and opportunities for more community involvement to the enhancement and delivery of local greenspaces, including the exploration of additional opportunities for community-led activity and owned spaces.	This opportunity will see contributions to strategic objective 5. <u>Target the provision of new accessible greenspace and play in areas of deficiency and where there are high levels of deprivation.</u> The opportunity will deliver health and well-being benefits through interaction with nature and community cohesion and a greater sense of ownership and stewardship of their local environment.	■ CBMDC Public Health Team ■ Yorkshire Wildlife Trust ■ NHS ■ Volunteer organisations	Number of people involved in nature and health projects. Number of community-led / community-owned projects delivered.	Monitor outcomes of the programmes. Identify any challenges in delivery of outcomes to help refine / develop programmes. Secure funding for continuation of delivery.

Opportunity E5: Create a volunteering opportunity register associated with GBI delivery	Identify all existing volunteer opportunities associated with existing GBI projects, including potential new roles created as part of the GBI opportunities identified in this Strategy. A register of volunteer opportunities should be created, showing the type of opportunity, skills and time required, which could be promoted by members of the GBI steering group to maximise awareness of and participation in GBI projects.	This opportunity can contribute to the practical delivery of many of the strategic objectives, through the delivery and enhancement of GBI assets / opportunities. The opportunity will provide social and economic benefits by creating pathways into employment, and a greater sense of ownership and stewardship of the local environment. Improved access to nature will also result in health and well-being benefits.	■ CBMDC ■ Local schools ■ NHS ■ Volunteer organisations	Number of volunteers and volunteer hours. Number of GBI projects which volunteers are involved in.	Identify and list out all current volunteer opportunities associated with GBI in the district. Share register with the GBI steering group and promote to potential volunteers.
Opportunity E6: Work with schools to build on existing engagement and enhancement projects within the school estate	Many schools across Bradford are already involved in GBI projects and programmes; including the Nature Park Programme, Grow to School and Clean Air Schools Programme (among many others). This GBI opportunity would see the continuation and expansion of these schemes. This opportunity would see the targeted expansion of these projects in order that they can maximise both the GBI assets within school sites and opportunities for pupil participation through an audit and mapping exercise.	This opportunity can contribute to the practical delivery of many of the strategic objectives, through the delivery and enhancement of GBI assets within the school estate. Early engagement with GBI should encourage greater uptake in green skills training and employment opportunities, ensuring an ongoing pipeline of qualified staff to deliver and maintain GBI in the long-term. Engagement in GBI will also provide health and well-being and social benefits for children and young people.	■ CBMDC ■ Local schools	Number of pupils engaged in GBI projects. Number of schools with active on site GBI projects. Progress made on objectives in school Climate Action Plans.	Undertake an audit and mapping exercise to identify existing GBI features and their quality / condition. Identify opportunities for GBI enhancement and expansion. Identify opportunities for existing involvement or future involvement in GBI projects and programmes which would help to deliver the opportunities identified.