

Legal and Civic Services Department

Democratic Services Section



Your reference

Being dealt with by Ms Eilish McGoldrick

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Date 22nd November, 2022

Julie Harrison
Permanent Secretary
Corporate Policy Unit
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Dear Permanent Secretary,

Blue and Green Infrastructure Fund 2022/23

At its meeting in October, Belfast City Council's City Growth and Regeneration Committee agreed that the Council would write to you to outline, that whilst the Committee welcomed the opportunity to avail of in-year funding under the Blue and Green Infrastructure Fund, Council wished to highlight its concerns in relation to the short timeframe available for the delivery of the greenway and active travel projects under the DfI Blue and Green Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 and requested a quick finalisation to the funding allocation to enable delivery of the projects outlined within the application.

The Committee also requested the Department consider the potential for a more flexible approach to in-year funding and to explore with Council any potential mechanisms to carry over funding, including consideration of innovative joint investment or funding models so that opportunities for strategic alignment of joint priorities and projects could be achieved.

I look forward to receiving your comments on the issues I have raised.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eilish McGoldrick'.

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