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BELFAST CITY COUNCIL REQUEST TO CONSIDER INSTALLATION OF STATUE OF THE SLAVERY ABOLITIONIST FREDERICK DOUGLASS

Thank you for your letter of 04 September 2020 on behalf of Belfast City Council's Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

In the past, Belfast City Council and DfC have undertaken and completed a number of schemes together, such as the Rosemary Street/Lombard Street public realm project and the RISE public art installation on the Westlink. In both of these instances the Department provided funding for the works, which were managed and implemented by Belfast City Council.

I have given consideration to the Council's proposal for the installation of a statue to commemorate Frederick Douglass. In this instance, I would be content for my Department to again partner with Belfast City Council to deliver this proposal.

If Council is willing to lead the project and establish a steering group, including other key stakeholders, e.g. DfI, DfC and Arts Council, to progress this piece of public art, my Department could provide part funding for the project and participate on the steering group.



If Council is in agreement, please contact Ciaran Donnelly, Acting Director of Belfast Regeneration Director (028 9082 9274), to discuss how this might be taken forward.

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