

City and Neighbourhood Services Department

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Date: 3 December 2021

Dear Anna

" **Belfast's Buzzing! Creating B-Lines for pollinators and people** ".

I am writing on behalf of Belfast City Council in support of the proposed "Belfast's Buzzing" project which aims to promote insect pollinators in parks and Open Spaces.

We believe the Belfast's Buzzing project would be of particular benefit to the biodiversity of Belfast through improved pollinator habitat, benefitting rare and threatened species and supporting other wildlife.

Belfast's Buzzing will provide an interesting and fun opportunity for local people and communities to learn about the importance of pollinators and their habitats and to get involved in enhancing their local parks and open space. The training and support provided by the project will also allow Belfast City Council to restore and enhance habitats and manage sites in a sensitive manner for pollinators thus aiding delivery of local biodiversity initiatives.

In principle subject to member approval and ratification at February Council I can confirm Belfast City Council provides

- permission for project work to occur on Council land and that Council will manage these project sites for the next ten years, maintaining their biodiversity value.
- £5,000 funding contribution to the project.

Project proposals will be agreed in advance with Council Managers and stakeholders. We are willing to discuss further opportunities to contribute to this project including in-kind contributions of staff time and machinery. The Council will work with BugLife and The Heritage lottery Fund to promote and advertise the project through our various communication channels.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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