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Dear Councillor Jones,

Natural Environment Scrutiny Performance Panel March 15th 2022

Thank you for your letter of 28th March 2022 following the above Panel meeting.

I was pleased to learn of and fully support the progress being made on delivering actions under the Corporate Plan Natural Resources and Biodiversity Objective and also arising out of the Natural Environment Scrutiny Inquiry Recommendations.

With regard to the Panel's recommendation arising '*that the basics of biodiversity and climate change form part of the new Councillor Induction Training*', I would advise that I have discussed the matter with the current Director of Place/Interim Chief Executive who is happy to include reference to this within the overall presentations to Council as part of the induction process. There will also be a "market place" event on the same day where officers will be in attendance and will be able to share details and plans with councillors throughout the day.

In addition we are considering a further Member seminar on climate change/nature emergency as part of our corporate priorities and this will follow on from the above formal session. As such we believe the combination of these sessions will be able to convey the importance of the Council approach to managing the natural environment and biodiversity.

I trust this provides the assurance the Panel are seeking.

Yours sincerely



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