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To: [REDACTED]
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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 19 December 2024, for information about biodiversity net gain.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Request:

- 1a. What percentage biodiversity net gain does your local authority currently require?

Response:

City of Doncaster Council currently requires 10% biodiversity net gain.

Request:

- 2a. How many employees are currently directly employed by the authority to specifically/solely support the delivery of BNG requirements?

Response:

City of Doncaster Council have 0 staff employed solely to support BNG, however 3 staff work on BNG as one of the main elements of their role.

Request:

- 2b. Has the local authority created any new positions specifically to support the delivery of BNG requirements since 1 April 2023? (Yes/no)

Response:

Yes

Request:

- 2c. If so, please provide the job titles and whether these roles are temporary or permanent.

Response:

Request:

- 3a. Has your authority invested in specific training or upskilling for existing staff to manage BNG assessments, requirements, or policies since 1 April 2023? (Yes/no)

Response:

Yes.

Request:

- 3b. If so, how much money has been invested in specific training or upskilling for existing staff to manage BNG assessments, requirements, or policies in total since 1 April 2023?

Response:

All training has been provided in-house.

Request:

- 4a. Has your authority hired external consultants or third-party experts to assist with BNG implementation since 1 April 2023? (Yes/no)

Response:

No.

Request:

- 4b. If so, how much has been spent on external consultants or third-party experts to assist with BNG implementation since 1 April 2023?

Response:

N/A

Request:

- 5a. Has any additional budget been allocated specifically for implementing or enforcing BNG requirements? (Yes/no)

Response:

No.

Request:

If so, please provide the total additional budget assigned for this purpose for:

- 5b) 2024/25,
- 5c) 2025-2026 and
- 5d) 2026-2027.

Response:

N/A

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49.00 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely,

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