



## Roads and Grounds Services

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Dear James Byrne

### **Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**

We refer to your information request dated 17 August 2020

I am pleased to enclose the information requested namely,

- 1 Glyphosate is applied within school and nursery grounds on hard standing areas, shrub beds and grass edges. The Council does not manage Hospital grounds.
- 2 £665,325.17 is spent on mowing grass each year.
- 3 577.64 hectares of open space is maintained each year.
- 4 In 2019/20, the Council spent £6163.25 on purchasing bedding plants.
- 5 In 2019/20, the Council stopped maintaining summer bedding plots.
- 6 On average, 70 enquiries are received relating to weeds.
- 7 Peat based compost is not used.
- 8 Falkirk Council is working on a range of projects to help implement the Scottish Pollinator Strategy. These include creation of meadows within parks/amenity grassland as part of the 'Pollinator Parks' and 'Falkirk's Pollinator Way' projects. Work has been ongoing closely with Buglife since 2015 to create pollinator habitat on council land. Since 2015 twelve areas of meadow have been created and a further two existing meadows enhanced by appropriate management. Two further meadow/long grass areas will be created on previously amenity grass this autumn, as part of Buglife's B-lines project. Grass cutting regimes are currently being reviewed with a view to providing more long grass and wildflower-rich habitat for pollinators. Three bee banks have been created within Council parks. A further bee bank is to be created this Autumn.

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The 2018 and 2019 progress reports on the Scottish Pollinator Strategy highlight some of the measures undertaken by Falkirk Council to help implement it.

The reports are available at <https://www.nature.scot/pollinator-strategy-scotland-2017-2027>

Please refer to the enclosed leaflet which explains your right to complain about the handling of your case and/or the decision made.

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Yours sincerely

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