

To: **Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee – 19 May 2022**

Subject: **Buglife and Kent Wildlife Trust Bugs Matter Report**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Past Pathway of report: n/a

Future Pathway of report: n/a

Summary:

On 5 May Buglife and Kent Wildlife Trust published their Bugs Matter report, a citizen-science survey that found that the abundance of flying insects in the UK had plummeted by nearly 60% over the last 17 years; highlighting a worrying trend and the crucial need for insect-focussed conservation research, nationwide. The Chairman of the Cabinet Committee has requested that the summary report be shared with the committee in order that the key findings may be discussed by Members.

Recommendation(s):

The Cabinet Committee is asked to comment on and note the contents of the report.

Background Documents

Appendix - Bugs Matter Summary Report

<https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-05/Bugs%20Matter%202021%20National%20Report%20Summary.pdf>

Bugs Matter Technical Report

<https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-05/Bugs%20Matter%202021%20National%20Report.pdf>

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