

# The time for a Bee Action Plan is now

There is growing agreement on the solutions needed to reverse the decline in bees and other insect pollinators and an increasing momentum from scientists, businesses, politicians and the public to act.

Any further delay could risk pushing more species over the edge.

We call on the Government to urgently implement a truly comprehensive Bee Action Plan.

An effective Bee Action Plan must:

- 1** Create a Government-wide strategy, beyond current policies for bees and biodiversity, and build on existing research and civil society action
- 2** Cover all causes of bee decline and all bee species and other insect pollinators
- 3** Be specific with targeted actions for bees and other insect pollinators including protection and expansion of particular habitats and help for threatened wild bee species
- 4** Draw on expertise and experience from outside government and ensure full involvement in the process of academia, farmers, local councils, NGOs, businesses and others
- 5** Include dates and where appropriate quantifiable targets for actions and aim to deliver major results by 2020 in line with Nagoya Biodiversity Protocol
- 6** Co-ordinate an approach across the UK with full collaboration of devolved governments and local authorities
- 7** Lead the way internationally in developing action for pollinators

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