

Report on	Correspondence to Council – March 2018
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Provide an update on correspondence received for attention of Council.
2.0	Background
2.1	This paper refers to correspondence to be brought to the attention of Council. Items are referred to in 3.0 below.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Correspondence from Dept of Environment, Agriculture & Rural Affairs – Services Relocating to Ballykelly</p> <p>The Permanent Secretary of the Department has written to the council to confirm the functions and timeframes for their relocation to Ballykelly in March and April 2018. Appendix A</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from Foreign & Commonwealth Office – Heads of Government Meeting 2018</p> <p>The Minister of State, Foreign & Commonwealth Office has written to the council giving notification of the forthcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting 2018, starting with 2 weeks of Commonwealth Games in Australia, encouraging the council to be the community together at a Commonwealth Big Lunch. Appendix B</p>
3.3	<p>Correspondence from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council – Support for Motion on Gambling</p> <p>The Chief Executive of Fermanagh & Omagh DC has written to the council seeking support for a motion approved by that Council on Gambling. Appendix C.</p>
3.4	<p>Correspondence from Mr D Sterling, Head of NI Civil Service – Rates Support Grant Motion</p>

3.5	<p>The Head of the NI Civil service has responded to the Chair, Cllr Ashton on the motion carried at the January 2018 meeting of Council on the continuing need for and retention of the current Rates Support Grant. Appendix D.</p> <p>Correspondence from Chair of SOLACE(NI) - Arts Council Meeting Request with SOLACE NI</p>
3.6	<p>The Chair of SOLACE NI has written to give notification of a letter they have received from the Arts Council requesting support from them to meet the Head of the NI Civil Service regarding support for the Arts. Appendix E.</p> <p>Correspondence from Permanent Secretary, Dept of Justice – Appointment of Independent Members to NIPB</p> <p>Notification is given that, in preparation for a Minister for Justice taking up post, the Department intends to launch an appointment competition to establish a pool of candidates from which they can make the final selection of members. The current terms of appointment for three will expire in June 2018. The terms of appointment of the other 6 independent Policing Board members will expire in June 2019. Appendix F</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: not applicable</p> <p>Human: Not applicable</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>Not applicable</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>Not applicable</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Council notes and consider, as necessary, the correspondence received.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>Appendix A: Dept for Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs - Relocation of Services</p> <p>Appendix B: Minister of State for the Commonwealth & UN - Commonwealth Meeting</p> <p>Appendix C: Fermanagh & Omagh District Council - Motion on Gambling</p> <p>Appendix D: Executive Office - Mid Ulster DC Motion on Rates Support Grant</p> <p>Appendix E: SOLACE(NI) – Arts Council Meeting Request</p> <p>Appendix F: NI Policing Board – Appointment of Independent Members</p>

