

<b>Report on</b>	Correspondence to Council – Sept 2019
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	Provide an update on correspondence received for attention of Council.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	This paper refers to correspondence to be brought to the attention of Council. Items are referred to in 3.0 below.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><b>Correspondence from Carolyn Harris MP (Swansea East)</b></p> <p>The MP for Swansea East has corresponded with the Chief Executive to confirm that a Children's Funeral Fund is being implemented in England, following similar funds already in place in Wales and Scotland. Correspondence confirms that she has contacted the Permanent Secretary in the Department for Communities and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland asking that Northern Ireland be brought into line with the rest of the UK. Appendix A.</p>
3.2	<p><b>Correspondence from Chief Fire &amp; Rescue Officer, NI Fire and Rescue Service</b></p> <p>The Chief Fire &amp; Rescue Officer of the NI Fire and Rescue Service has corresponded with the Chief Executive providing clarification on the Service's Interim Service Delivery Arrangements. Correspondence confirms that the Interim service Delivery Arrangements being employed will not affect fire stations in the Mid Ulster District Council area. Appendix B.</p>
3.3	<p><b>Correspondence from Northern Ireland Housing Executive – Traveller Working Group</b></p> <p>The Regional Manager, South of the Housing Executive has responded to the Council Chair in response to his letter in relation to the attendance of NIHE officials at meetings of the Mid Ulster District Council Traveller Working Group. Appendix C.</p>
3.4	<p><b>Correspondence from the Secretary to the NI Housing Council</b></p> <p>The Secretary to the Housing Council, on behalf of the Chair of the NI Housing Council has requested that the August Housing Council Bulletin, and all future Bulletins be circulated to all councillors at forthcoming council meetings. Appendix D.</p>

3.5	<p><b>Correspondence from the Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne &amp; Down District Council</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive of Newry, Mourne &amp; Down DC has corresponded with the Chief Executive of Council to confirm that it has passed a motion expressing its opposition to plans being introduced by the BBC on the provision of TV Licencing for the over 75's. Appendix E.</p>
3.6	<p><b>Correspondence from Legal &amp; Civic Services Department, Belfast City Council</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive of Council has received correspondence from Belfast City Council giving notification of a motion carried by its council in the area of Equal Protection for Children legislation, with specific reference to championing the inclusion of equal protection for children in the Programme for Government. Appendix F.</p>
3.7	<p><b>Correspondence from Permanent Secretary, Department for Health</b></p> <p>The Permanent Secretary of the Department for Health has responded to the Council Chair on the council queries raised when the Council submitted its response to the regional consultation on Stroke Services. Appendix G.</p>
3.8	<p><b>Correspondence from Assembly Leader and Vice-President, Sinn Fein</b></p> <p>Ms Michelle O'Neill MLA has corresponded with the Council Chair to commend Mid Ulster District Council on the carrying of the motion at its June 2019 meeting regarding the need to continue welfare mitigations. Appendix H.</p>
3.9	<p><b>Correspondence from Chief Executive, NI Housing Executive</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive of the NI Housing Executive has corresponded with the Council Chair following his notification to the Executive that Mid Ulster District Council carried a motion commending the #FDANODELAY campaign that recognises persons living in hostels and other temporary accommodation as homeless. Appendix I</p>
3.10	<p><b>Correspondence from Northern Ireland Office, DAERA and Irish Government</b></p> <p>The Chair of Council, Cllr Kearney has received correspondence from the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Permanent Secretary of DAERA and the Minister for Foreign Affairs &amp; Trade in response to the carrying of a motion by Council calling for a <i>"....central all-Ireland register for animal abusers"</i>. Appendix J (i-iii).</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable

	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	<p>Appendix A: Carolyn Harris MP (Swansea East)</p> <p>Appendix B: Northern Ireland Fire &amp; Rescue Service</p> <p>Appendix C: Northern Ireland Housing Executive</p> <p>Appendix D: Housing Council</p> <p>Appendix E: Newry, Mourne &amp; Down District Council</p> <p>Appendix F: Belfast City Council</p> <p>Appendix G: Department of Health</p> <p>Appendix H: Sinn Féin</p> <p>Appendix I: Northern Ireland Housing Executive</p> <p>Appendix J(i-iii): Northern Ireland Office, DAERA and Irish Government</p>