

Report on	Correspondence to Council – February 2019
Date of Meeting	Thursday 28 th February 2019
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

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	No	x

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 Department for Infrastructure (Dfi)</p> <p>The council carried a motion on the need for the urgent necessity to construct high capacity bypasses at Dungannon, Cookstown and Moneymore. The council corresponded with Dfi on this matter and the permanent secretary has agreed that senior officials from her Department be made available to meet with representatives from Council. Democratic Services is liaising with the Department to arrange a meeting. Refer to Appendix A.</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from Department for Infrastructure (Dfi)</p> <p>The council agreed at its December 2018 meeting that a follow-up meeting be scheduled with Dfi with respect future funding initiatives for water and sewerage facilities in the council area. The council corresponded with Dfi on this matter and the permanent secretary has agreed that a senior official from the Department's Water and Drainage Policy Division be made available to meet with Council representatives. Democratic Services is liaising with the Department on this matter. Refer to Appendix B.</p>
3.3	<p>Correspondence from Dept of Education (DE) and NI Local Government Association</p> <p>The Council agreed at its December 2018 meeting to support a motion passed by Newry, Mourne & Down DC calling upon the restoration of funding for the Curriculum Sports Programme. The council corresponded with the DE on the matter and the permanent secretary has responded as attached at Appendix Ci. The council also requested that NILGA take a sectoral approach on the issue. The response received by NILGA is also attached as Appendix Cii.</p>

3.4	<p>Correspondence from Chief Executive, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council</p> <p>The Chief Executive of Lisburn & Castlereagh has corresponded with the Council to confirm it carried a motion calling for a public enquiry into “...recent revelation of ill treatment of patients at Muckamore Abbey”, seeking support from Council on same.</p>
3.5	<p>Correspondence from Permanent secretary, Department for Health</p> <p>The Council Chairperson has received correspondence from the Department for Health Permanent Secretary in response to Council carrying a motion on the delivery of paediatric and pathology services from early 2019 in Northern Ireland. The Council carried the following motion at a previous meeting on the matter;</p> <p><i>“This Council notes that the Belfast Trust are struggling to recruit a Paediatric Pathologist. This Council urges the Permanent Secretary of Health to approach this issue on an All Island basis. This would reduce the already enormous burden from parents suffering from bereavement. The process of carrying out a Post Mortem should be done sensitively and swiftly so a family can get the answers they need from professionals. By using services in England this would prolong this. This Council urges that arrangements be made with the health service in Dublin and further that the health service both north and south explore the possibility of a joint recruitment exercise so that the service can be provided on an all island basis on the island of Ireland”</i></p> <p>The letter is attached as Appendix E.</p>
4.0	<p>Other Considerations</p>
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial: not applicable</p> <p>Human: not applicable</p> <p>Risk Management: not applicable</p>
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: not applicable</p>
5.0	<p>Recommendation(s)</p>
5.1	<p>That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.</p>
6.0	<p>Documents Attached & References</p>
	<p>Appendix A: Permanent Secretary, Department for Infrastructure (DfI)</p> <p>Appendix B: Permanent Secretary, Department for Infrastructure (DfI)</p>

Appendix Ci: Permanent Secretary, Department of Education (DE) Appendix Cii: Chief Executive, NI Local Government Association Appendix D: Chief Executive, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Appendix E: Permanent Secretary, Department for Health
