

Report on	Correspondence to Council - January 2020
Date of Meeting	Thurs 23 rd January, 2020
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

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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 Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne & Down DC</p> <p>The Chief Executive of Newry, Mourne & Down District Council has corresponded with the Council to give notification that it passed a motion on budgeting for the NI Fire & Rescue Service requesting that this Council write to the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Health. Refer to appendix A.</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from Permanent Secretary, Department of Health</p> <p>The Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health has corresponded with the Chairman of Council, Cllr Kearney on the council's motion regarding soft-opt out legislation on organ donation and activity been undertaken within the Department. Refer to appendix B.</p>
3.3	<p>Correspondence from Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities & the Head of the Appeals Service, Department for Communities</p> <p>The Permanent Secretary of the Department for Communities and the Head of the Appeals Service of the Department for Communities have corresponded with the Chair of Council, Cllr Kearney on the support of the motion carried by Newry, Mourne & Down DC regarding the location of welfare tribunal hearings. Refer to appendix C and C(i).</p>
3.4	<p>Correspondence from Northern Area Manager, Ulsterbus, Translink</p> <p>The Northern Area Manager of Ulsterbus has corresponded with the Council in a follow up to a meeting held with officers and councillors regarding the public transport provision and timetabling between Cookstown and Antrim Area Hospital. Refer to appendix D</p>

3.5	<p>Correspondence from Chief Executive, NILGA</p> <p>The Chief Executive of NILGA has corresponded with the Council setting out its Annual Investment and forthcoming Work Programme and benefits. Mid Ulster DC is categorised as a Band B Council with a population between 145,000 and 300,000 resulting in the 2020-21 subscription of £50,259 (excluding VAT), for the delivery of the Investment & Work Programme. The Council is a member of NILGA. Refer to appendix E.</p>
3.6	<p>Correspondence from General Counsel & Company Secretary, Northern Ireland Water (NIW)</p> <p>The General Counsel & Company Secretary of NIW has corresponded with the Council to highlight its current position with regards to wastewater infrastructure. The Board of NIW is asking the Council to support immediate funding of NIW's infrastructure. Refer to appendix F.</p>
3.7	<p>Correspondence from Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health</p> <p>The Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health has corresponded with the Council following his meeting with council officers and Councillors to discuss progression of the Protect Life 2 Strategy at a Northern Ireland level and district council level. The Council previously carried a motion on this matter. Refer to appendix G.</p>
3.8	<p>Correspondence from President, Mary Peter Trust</p> <p>The President of the Mary Peters Trust has corresponded with the Council to introduce the Trust and seek the Council to join in its work to help young people achieve excellence in sport and make a contribution for the year April 2020 to March 2021. Refer to appendix H.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>Appendix A: Newry, Mourne & Down District Council</p> <p>Appendix B: Department of Health</p>

	Appendix C: Department for Communities
	Appendix C(i): Appeals Service, Department for Communities
	Appendix D: Ulsterbus
	Appendix E: Northern Ireland Local Government Association
	Appendix F: Northern Ireland Water
	Appendix G: Department of Health
	Appendix H: Mary Peters Trust