

<b>Report on</b>	Correspondence to Council – July 2019
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> July, 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 Office of the Taoiseach, Irish Government</b></p> <p>The Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach has corresponded with the Council to acknowledge receipt of correspondence sent to the L Varadkar, Taoiseach, Irish Government giving notification that the council had carried the following motion;</p> <p><i>This Council supports the family of Aidan McAnespie, shot dead by the British Army in February 1988, in establishing all the facts surrounding his death. To that end we undertake to write to the Dublin Government calling for them to release the Crowley report undertaken in the aftermath of his death</i></p> <p>Correspondence attached as Appendix A.</p>
3.2	<p><b>Correspondence from the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (NIHRC)</b></p> <p>The Chief Commissioner of the NI Human Rights Commission has corresponded with Cllr Molloy, Chair of Policy &amp; Resources Committee following their presentation to July committee. Appendix B.</p>

3.3	<p><b>Correspondence from the Department of Justice</b></p> <p>The Permanent Secretary, Peter May has corresponded with the Council to advise that the Home Office have introduced a Domestic Abuse Bill to Parliament on 16 July. Following engagement with the Department it will provide for a new domestic abuse office in Northern Ireland and some other supplementary provisions.</p> <p>Correspondence attached as Appendix C</p>
3.4	<p><b>Correspondence from the Department of Communities</b></p> <p>The Permanent Secretary, Tracy Meharg has corresponded with Council in response to concerns expressed regarding the Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct. The letter outlines detail on the current position of the Councillors' Code and advises that the Department is in the initial phases of instigation a review of local government legislation.</p> <p>Correspondence attached as Appendix D</p>
3.5	<p><b>Correspondence from Derry City &amp; Strabane District Council</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive, John Kelpie has corresponded with Council seeking support for a motion carried in relation to a declaration of a Climate Emergency.</p> <p>Correspondence attached as Appendix E</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>

	Appendix A: Office of the Taoiseach, Government of Ireland
	Appendix B: Northern Ireland Human Right Commission
	Appendix C Department of Justice
	Appendix D Department for Communities
	Appendix E Derry City & Strabane District Council