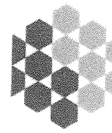


Report on	Correspondence to Council - January 2018
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	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 makes reference to correspondence received 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 for Infrastructure – Cookstown By Pass</p> <p>Dept for Infrastructure (Roads & Rivers) has corresponded with the Chief Executive to clarify the current situation regarding the Cookstown bypass, following a meeting between Fiona McCandless of the Department and Mid Ulster District Council (attached as Appendix A).</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from Electoral Office for NI – Omagh Office</p> <p>The Council corresponded with the Electoral Office following receipt of correspondence from NIPSA the trade union on the future of the Omagh Electoral Office. The attached confirms the relocation of its office in Omagh (attached as Appendix B).</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
	Appendix A: Department for Infrastructure: Cookstown Bypass Appendix B: Electoral Office for Northern Ireland: Relocation of Omagh Office



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19 December 2017

Dear Anthony

A29 COOKSTOWN BYPASS

Following the September meeting between Mid Ulster District Council and my Departmental colleague Fiona McCandless, I am writing to clarify the situation regarding the Cookstown Bypass.

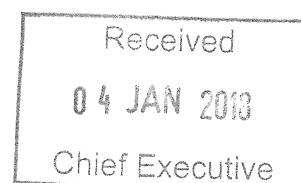
This scheme will involve the construction of approximately 4 kilometres of new single carriageway from the Dungannon Road Roundabout via the south of Cookstown, to a proposed new roundabout on the Moneymore Road to the north of the town. It will include sections of 2+1 lanes to facilitate overtaking.

The Preferred Route for this scheme was approved in March 2010. However, progress of the scheme through the statutory procedures was then paused, due to unavailability of funding.

In October 2016 the Executive announced a stimulus package which included £600k of additional funding to allow further preparatory development on a number of major road improvement schemes, including the Cookstown Bypass.

At that time the Department reviewed the work previously undertaken on the scheme and the required next steps. It was concluded that, as there was no certainty of funding into the 2017/18 financial year to allow meaningful progress in terms of the next steps in the scheme's development, the limited work possible in the remainder of the 2016/17 financial year would be nugatory, and hence it was not progressed.

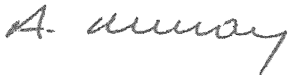
Further progression of this scheme will be dependent upon future budgetary settlements.



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C. J. ...
[Signature]

I would apologise for the delay in getting this response to you, but I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. Murray'.

A McC MURRAY (DR)
Deputy Secretary

cc: Fiona McCandless
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22nd December 2017

Dear Ms Ashton

Apologies in the delay in replying to your letter but I have been in negotiations with landlords and agents for some weeks now and wished to return to you with the conclusion of those negotiations.

The Landlord in Omagh refused to renew our lease and we necessarily then have been looking at our operations for some weeks now in that area. I am able to advise that alternative premises have been secured pending the publication of the response to the public consultation. Our offices are now located in Community House in Omagh. This site is probably more accessible than our previous location.

Should you have any further queries you can reach me by mobile 07933543884.

Yours sincerely

Virginia McVea
Chief Electoral Officer

