

<b>Report on</b>	Correspondence to Council – December 2020
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
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<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 NI Assembly Justice Committee</b></p> <p>The Council has received correspondence from the NI Assembly Justice Committee calling for evidence on its review and passage of the Criminal Justice (Committal Reform) Bill. On an initial review/consider of the Bill by officers it has been identified that it is not directly relevant to council/our service delivery. Refer to appendix A.</p>
3.2	<p><b>Correspondence from SOLACE (Northern Ireland)</b></p> <p>The Chair of SOLACE (NI) has corresponded with the Council on the publication of a Position Paper on EU Successor Funding in Northern Ireland. This has previously been circulated to Councillors and now included in correspondence to council. Refer to Appendix B.</p>
3.3	<p><b>Correspondence from Derry City &amp; Strabane District Council</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive of Derry City &amp; Strabane District Council has corresponded with Council to give notification of a motion carried regarding air quality. Refer to appendix C.</p>
3.4	<p><b>Correspondence from Fermanagh &amp; Omagh District Council</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive of Mid Ulster District Council has corresponded with the Council to give notification of a motion carried regarding the strain placed on students within the further and higher education sector emanating from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Refer to appendix D.</p>
3.5	<b>Correspondence from Department for the Economy</b>

	<p>The Chair of Council has received correspondence from the Minister for the Economy of the NI Executive in response to the motion carried at November Council to support the 'Students Deserve Better Campaign'. Refer to appendix E.</p>
<b>3.6</b>	<p><b>Correspondence from Department for the Economy</b></p> <p>The Chair of Council has received correspondence from the Minister for the Economy in response to Council's offer to assist in the local administration and processing of COVID-19 funding, specific to Mid Ulster District. Refer to appendix F.</p>
<b>3.7</b>	<p><b>Correspondence from Department for the Economy</b></p> <p>The Chair of council has received correspondence from the Minister for the Economy in response to a motion carried by Council at its November meeting calling for an immediate ban on petroleum licensing specific to hydrocarbon exploration. The Minister makes reference to a debate held in the NI Assembly on 13 October and the transcript on same is as follows: <a href="http://data.niassembly.gov.uk/HansardXml/plenary-13-10-2020.pdf">http://data.niassembly.gov.uk/HansardXml/plenary-13-10-2020.pdf</a> Refer to Appendix G.</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>
<b>5.1</b>	That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	<p>Appendix A: NI Assembly</p> <p>Appendix B: SOLACE(NI)</p> <p>Appendix C: Derry City &amp; Strabane District Council</p> <p>Appendix D: Fermanagh &amp; Omagh District Council</p> <p>Appendix E: Department for the Economy, NI Executive</p> <p>Appendix F: Department for the Economy, NI Executive</p> <p>Appendix G: Department for the Economy, NI Executive</p>