

<b>Report on</b>	Correspondence to Council
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 25 January 2024
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	J McGuckin Head of Strategic Services & Engagement
<b>Contact Officer</b>	E Forde, Committee & Member Services Manager

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>  If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	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 Department of Education: Childcare Provision</b></p> <p>The Chair received a letter from Department of Education in response to Council's letter regarding a childcare strategy to address the costs of childcare for families. This correspondence was emailed to Members on 14 December 2023. Refer to Appendix A</p>
3.2	<p><b>Correspondence from Northern Ireland Office</b></p> <p>The Chair received a letter from Northern Ireland Office in response to Council's letter regarding a childcare strategy. This correspondence was emailed to Members on 14 December 2023. Refer to Appendix B</p>
3.3	<p><b>Correspondence from Department for Communities: Arts Funding</b></p> <p>The Chair received a letter from the Permanent Secretary in response to Council's letter regarding funding for the Arts. This correspondence was emailed to Members on 14 December 2023. Refer to Appendix C</p>
3.4	<p><b>Correspondence from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council</b></p> <p>Correspondence has been received from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council regarding a motion passed in relation to Cystic Fibrosis Medication. Refer to Appendix D</p>

3.5	<p><b>Correspondence re Life Long Learning</b></p> <p>The Chair has received responses from Patsy McGone MLA and Deborah Erskine MLA in relation to correspondence sent regarding Life Long Learning. Refer to Appendix E</p>
3.6	<p><b>Correspondence from Southern Health and Social Care Trust</b></p> <p>The Chair has received a response from Southern Health and Social Care Trust in relation to correspondence sent regarding ‘Respite Provision for Adults With Complex Needs’. Refer to Appendix F</p>
3.7	<p><b>Correspondence from NI Water</b></p> <p>The Chair has received a response from NI Water in response to letter regarding contacts within NI Water. Refer to Appendix G</p>
3.8	<p><b>Correspondence from Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People (NICCYP)</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive has received correspondence from the NICCYP offering the opportunity on training session with regards to Children’s Rights. Refer to Appendix H</p>
4.0	<p><b>Other Considerations</b></p>
4.1	<p><b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b></p>
	<p>Financial: not applicable</p>
	<p>Human: not applicable</p>
	<p>Risk Management: not applicable</p>
4.2	<p><b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b></p>
	<p>Equality &amp; Good Relations Implications: not applicable</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications: not applicable</p>
5.0	<p><b>Recommendation(s)</b></p>
5.1	<p>That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.</p>
6.0	<p><b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b></p>
	<p>Appendix A: Department for Education  Appendix B: Northern Ireland Office  Appendix C: Department for Communities</p>

Appendix D: Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Appendix E: MLA's Life Long Learning Appendix F: Southern Health & Social Care Trust Appendix G: NI Water Appendix H: Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People
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