

Report on	Correspondence to Council
Date of Meeting	Thursday 23 November 2023
Reporting Officer	J McGuckin Head of Strategic Services & Engagement
Contact Officer	E Forde, Committee & Member Services Manager

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	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 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	Correspondence from Department Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs The Chair has received a response from DAERA in relation to the call to establish an interdepartmental group to manage Lough Neagh. Refer to Appendix A
3.2	Correspondence from Derry & Strabane District Council The Chief Executive has received correspondence from Derry & Strabane District Council extending an invitation to attend a meeting in relation to exploring the potential of legally recognised Rights of Nature for Lough Neagh and/or if there are any other existing forums that are dealing with Lough Neagh at which this matter could be explored. Refer to Appendix B.
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
	Appendix A – Department of Agricultural, Environment and Rural Affairs Appendix B – Derry & Strabane District Council