

Report on	Correspondence to Council – February 2021
Date of Meeting	Thurs 25 th February 2021
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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	<p>Correspondence from Advice NI</p> <p>The Chief Executive of Advice NI has corresponded with the Council setting out its views and considerations on the Department for Communities Equality Impact Assessment on the draft DfC Budget 2021-2022. Refer to appendix A.</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from NI Veterans Commissioner</p> <p>The NI Veterans Commissioner has corresponded with the Council introducing his role and that of his Office in supporting and acting as an advocate for veterans in Northern Ireland. Refer to appendix B.</p>
3.3	<p>Correspondence from Antrim & Newtownabbey BC</p> <p>The Chief Executive of Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council has copied a letter sent to the Minister of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs on a motion passed by that Council on animal cruelty and need for a register for those convicted of offences. Refer to appendix C.</p>
3.4	<p>Correspondence from Minister for the Economy</p> <p>Minister for the Economy's Private Office has corresponded to confirm that they will schedule a meeting with a delegation of Councillors to discuss a recovery strategy for town centre businesses following request on discussion at January Council. A meeting is being scheduled. Refer to appendix D</p>

3.5	<p>Correspondence from Local Government Boundaries Commissioner</p> <p>The Local Government Boundaries Commissioner has corresponded with the council to give notification that she will publish provisional recommendations to hold a public consultation in June 2021. Members may consider that initial responses to same, may be done so directly by parties and members. Refer to appendix E</p>
3.6	<p>Correspondence from Southern Health and Social Care Trust</p> <p>The Chief Executive of the Southern Health and Social Care Trust has corresponded with the Council Chair on issues raised at January Council meeting on appointments for clinics, use of theatre suites at South Tyrone Hospital and Unmarked Graves at South Tyrone Hospital site. Refer to appendix F.</p>
3.7	<p>Correspondence from Department for the Economy</p> <p>Minister for the Economy has corresponded with the Chair on the issues raised at January Council meeting on making a bid for funds to support students experiencing financial difficulties. Refer to appendix G.</p>
3.8	<p>Correspondence from Northern Health & Social Care Trust</p> <p>The Chief Executive of the Northern Health & Social Care Trust has corresponded with Chair of Council on the Reinstatement of outpatient clinics at its sites. This matter was referenced at January Council meeting. Refer to appendix H</p>
3.9	<p>Correspondence from Department for Communities</p> <p>The Deputy Secretary, Strategic Policy & Professional services has corresponded with the Chair of Council clarifying arrangements for the payment of the recent Winter Fuel Payment. This matter was raised at January Council meeting. Refer to appendix I.</p>
3.10	<p>Correspondence from Department for Communities</p> <p>The Deputy Secretary, Strategic Policy & Professional Services has corresponded with the Chair of Council in response the council's request that a child poverty task force is established in Northern Ireland. Refer to appendix J.</p>
3.11	<p>Correspondence from Department for Infrastructure</p> <p>The Minister for Infrastructure and has corresponded with the Chair of Council on progress with Dungannon Bypass as part of the Regional Strategic Transport Network Transport Plan (RSTNTP). Refer to appendix K</p>

3.12	<p>Correspondence from Newry, Mourne & Down District Council</p> <p>The Chief Executive of Newry, Mourne & Down DC has corresponded with the Chief Executive to give notification of 2 no. motions carried by the Council on 11th January and 1st February on (i) Nearly Zero Energy Building and (ii) Universal Credit Payments. Refer to appendix L.</p>
3.13	<p>Correspondence from Department for Finance, NI Executive</p> <p>The Minister for Finance has corresponded with the Chair of the Council in response to a letter sent to him following January Council meeting on making funding provision for Dungannon bypass. Refer to appendix M.</p>
4.0	<p>Other Considerations</p>
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial: not applicable</p> <p>Human: not applicable</p> <p>Risk Management: not applicable</p>
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: not applicable</p>
5.0	<p>Recommendation(s)</p>
5.1	<p>That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.</p>
6.0	<p>Documents Attached & References</p> <p>Appendix A: Advice NI</p> <p>Appendix B: NI Veterans Commissioner</p> <p>Appendix C: Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council</p> <p>Appendix D: Department for the Economy</p> <p>Appendix E: Local Government Boundaries Commissioner</p> <p>Appendix F: Southern Health & Social Care Trust (SHSCT)</p> <p>Appendix G: Department for the Economy</p> <p>Appendix H. Northern Health & Social Care Trust (NHSCT)</p> <p>Appendix I: Department for the Communities</p> <p>Appendix J: Department for the Communities</p> <p>Appendix K: Department for Infrastructure</p> <p>Appendix L: Newry, Mourne & Down District Council x 2 letters</p> <p>Appendix M: Department of Finance</p>

