

Report on	Correspondence to Council - November 2019
Date of Meeting	Thurs 28 th November, 2019
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

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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	<p>Correspondence from the Director, Royal College of Nursing Northern Ireland</p> <p>The Director of the Royal College of Nursing has corresponded with the Council regarding the documented and publicised ballot of its members, particularly on the issue of providing, safe and effective care for patients. Refer to appendix A.</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne & Down DC</p> <p>The Chief Executive of Newry, Mourne & Down District Council has corresponded with the Council to give notification that it passed a motion on the early diagnosis of bowel and breast cancer requesting that the Council support its call on same. Refer to appendix B.</p>
3.3	<p>Correspondence from the Honours Secretariat, Department for Communities</p> <p>The Honours Secretariat within the Local Government & Housing Regulation Division of the Dept. for Communities has written to the Council offering the opportunity of an awareness-raising seminar for councillors on the Honours Process. Refer to appendix C</p>
3.4	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Secretary of the Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade, Irish Government • Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Office (NIO) <p>The Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade, Government of Ireland has written to the Council Chair on his notification that the Council carried a motion in July 2019 with reference to extending democratic participation to the election of the Irish Head of State. The Secretary of State for NI has also responded to the Council Chair setting out the Governments position on the same. Refer to appendix D.</p>

3.5	<p>Correspondence from Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne & Down DC</p> <p>The Chief Executive of Newry, Mourne & Down District Council has corresponded with the Council to give notification that it passed a motion on the <i>Location of Welfare Appeals</i> requesting that the Council support its motion on same. Refer to appendix E.</p>
3.6	<p>Correspondence from Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health</p> <p>The Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health has corresponded with the Council on its invitation to meet with him on the delivery of the Protect Life 2 Strategy for preventing suicide and self-harm. Democratic Services has been in contact with the Chief Medical Officers office and a date has been scheduled for 8th January 2020 to discuss same. Refer to Appendix F.</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: Royal College of Nursing, Northern Ireland</p> <p>Appendix B: Newry, Mourne & Down District Council</p> <p>Appendix C: Honours Secretariat, Department for Communities</p> <p>Appendix D: Irish Government Northern Ireland Office</p> <p>Appendix E: Newry, Mourne & Down District Council</p> <p>Appendix F: Department of Health, Northern Ireland</p>