

Report on	Correspondence to Council - June 2021
Date of Meeting	Thurs 24 th June 2021
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 Regional Director, World Health Organisation</p> <p>The Regional Director of the World Health Organisation has corresponded with the former Chair of Council, Cllr Mallaghan following the Council's notification that it supported the motion passed by Monaghan County Council, Ireland around COVID-19 and vaccinations. Refer to appendix A.</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from Director, Belfast Regeneration, Dept. for Communities</p> <p>The Director of Belfast Regeneration Directorate within the Department for Communities has corresponded with the Council in response to ongoing correspondence seeking a meeting between members and the relevant officials from the High Street Task Force. Democratic Services continue to follow this up and have reminded of the councils interest to engage. Refer to Appendix B.</p>
3.3	<p>Correspondence from Minister for Infrastructure, Ardboe Aerodrome</p> <p>The Minister for Infrastructure has corresponded with the former Council Chair regarding the Councils request that DfI and her office begin to initiate discussions across the NI Executive and the Council on the future development of Ardboe Aerodrome. Refer to appendix C.</p>
3.4	<p>Correspondence from Minister of Health</p> <p>The Minister for Health has corresponded with the former Council Chair on the motion carried by the Council at its May meeting around Autism Services provision and support for families in Northern Ireland. Refer to appendix D.</p>

3.5	<p>Correspondence from Minister for Education</p> <p>The Minister for Education has corresponded with the former Council Chair on the motion carried by Council at its May meeting around sex relationship educational guidance for schools, inclusive of LGBTQ+ relationships and transgender identifies. Refer to appendix E.</p>
3.6	<p>Correspondence from Minister for the Economy</p> <p>The Minister for the Economy has corresponded with the former Council Chair on the motion carried by Council at its May meeting around paid special leave for victims of domestic abuse. Refer to appendix F.</p>
3.7	<p>Correspondence – previously Emailed/Notified to Members on 27 May 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister for Finance, Northern Ireland Executive on the administration of the Rate Relief Scheme for local businesses. Refer to appendix G • Chief Executive, Ards & North Down Borough Council on events to mark the Centenary of the foundation of Northern Ireland. Refer to appendix H
<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>
<p>5.0 Recommendation(s)</p>	
5.1	<p>That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.</p>
<p>6.0 Documents Attached & References</p>	
<p>Appendix A: Regional Director, World Health Organisation Appendix B: Director Belfast Regeneration DfC Appendix C: Ms Mallon MLA, Minister for Infrastructure Appendix D: Mr Swann MLA, Minister for Health Appendix E: Mr Weir MLA, Minister for Education Appendix F: Paul Frew MLA, Minister for the Economy</p>	

	Appendix G: Minister of Finance, NI Executive
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	Appendix H: Chief Executive, Ards & North Down Borough Council
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