

Marie Ward
Chief Executive



Comhairle Ceantair
**an Iúir, Mhúrn
agus an Dúin**
**Newry, Mourne
and Down**
District Council

Our ref: C/207/2022

12 December 2022

Dear Chief Executive

Re: Notice of Motion – Workers Legal Rights to Tips

At a Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on 5 December 2022 the following motion was agreed:

"It was agreed that Newry Mourne and Down District Council calls upon the extension of laws that are being proposed at Westminster giving workers a legal right to their tips be extended here to Northern Ireland. If this Motion is adopted, we write to the other ten local authorities seeking their support and also to the Permanent Secretary at the Department of the Economy and the relevant Minister at Westminster strongly urging that the legislation in Northern Ireland be brought into line with Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland as a matter of urgency".

Members fully supported the Motion and agreed it would be a positive step towards improving the rights and entitlements of lower paid workers.

I would ask that you give this matter serious consideration and I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully

Marie Ward
Chief Executive



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Your Reference: C227/22
Our reference: CEQ 45/22

Cllr Cora Corry
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16 December 2022

Dear Cllr Corry

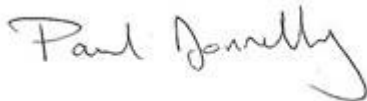
Impact of delays in NIEA consultee response times

Thank you for your letter of 2 December 2022 and your invitation to discuss the impact delays in NIEA consultee response times are having on development initiatives in Mid Ulster District.

I am pleased to accept your invitation and would ask your officials to contact my office either via email at paul.donnelly@daera-ni.gov.uk or by telephone at **028 9056 9210** where my secretary will be happy to make the necessary arrangements.

I look forward to meeting with Council members to discuss these issues.

Yours sincerely



PAUL DONNELLY
Chief Executive

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19 December 2022

Dear Cora

Re: Your ref: C235/22 – NI Water wastewater investment in Mid Ulster

Thank you for your letter dated 2 December 2022 reference above.

Further to the meeting our Head of Investment Management Steve Blockwell had with the Council in March 2022 about related matters, NI Water would be happy to arrange a further meeting in the New Year, to further discuss and update.

Steve's current commitments preclude January and early February, but if a date from the week commencing 20 February 2023 onwards would suite, please let us know and we will confirm the arrangements.

I hope you find this response helpful at this stage.

Yours sincerely

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Sara Venning
Chief Executive



**From the Permanent Secretary
and HSC Chief Executive**



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Our ref: SCORR-0510-2022

Date: 4 January 2023

Dear Ms Corry

Thank you for your e-mail correspondence of 19 December 2022 in relation to the outcomes of the Mid Ulster District Council December meeting and in particular the provision of free car parking to health care workers.

The current cost of living crisis impacts on us all and the Department recognises the financial pressures and budgetary uncertainty facing our health service.

The Department's current policy on car parking provision and management in the Health and Social Care (HSC) sector for Northern Ireland was published in 2012 and sets the direction for car park management, including charging.

The policy states that it is for each Health and Social Care Trust (HSCT) to determine the way that the car parking policy is applied to each of their sites, to enable them to take into account local issues.

The Department is facing a substantial funding gap in its current and future years financial position, and given existing financial commitments, at present the Department does not have funding to absorb the loss of revenue from the abolishment of car parking charges.

Revenue generated from car parking charges is used by Health and Social Care Trusts (HSCTs) to pay for the significant costs associated with car park maintenance and security. Without this income, funding currently used for the care and treatment of patients would have to be diverted to keep car parks operational.

In March 2022, the NI Assembly agreed the Hospital Parking Charges Act NI (2022) which will prohibit the charging for car parking at a hospital, for staff, patients, and visitors, from May 2024. <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2022/24/contents/enacted>

The Department is currently working with HSCTs to identify the best way to operationally implement the new legislation as proper consideration needs to be given to what alternative arrangements will be put in place to manage and control spaces in hospital car parks, once charges are abolished.

Yours sincerely



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13 January 2023

Dear Cora

Re: NI Water telecommunications mast in Dungannon

Thank you for your letter dated 19 December 2022, reference the NI Water Telecommunications Mast, Dungannon, further to our previous correspondence.

As discussed previously, the mast provides a vital service to PSNI and blue light emergency services which include the ambulance and fire service. They are dependent on the position of the Mast to service the local community, as are the mobile operators supporting the communities in Dungannon and surrounding area for personal and business purposes.

However, I recognise the Council's ongoing concern about the visual impact of the mast and note your request to make a presentation to the Board of NI Water. In the first instance I have asked for a senior colleague to undertake a review this matter by the end of this month. I will revert to you early in February with next steps.

I hope you find this response helpful at this stage, and please do not hesitate to contact us again, with any further queries in the meantime.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sara Venning', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sara Venning
Chief Executive



**Via email**

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Date: 17th January 2023

Dear Colleagues,

INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM TEST

As you will be aware work is currently underway to develop an Integrated Care System for Northern Ireland with a planned implementation date of April 2024, subject to legislative provision. ICS NI is a collaborative planned model for HSC services which will see the creation of five Area Integrated Partnership Boards in each of the HSC Trust geographical areas with responsibility for planning local services to meet local needs. [Integrated Care System NI - Draft Framework](#) It is proposed that the AIPBs will bring together key stakeholders from within the HSC, Community Planning Partnerships, the Voluntary and Community Sectors as well as service users and carers.

Taking into account the recognised complexity in developing an integrated care model, the importance of partnership working and the time required to build relationships both within and across sectors, the decision has been taken to implement ICS test sites over the coming year commencing in April 2023.

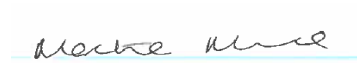
This will be an opportunity to examine the approach of the ICS model from the perspective of the place-based partnership, exercising the operational capability of the Pilot AIPB from a population health focus. It will include the ability to establish connections at local and community level; analyse population need; understand the process for agreeing local services; and assessing the governance and accountability of such. The Pilot AIPB membership will be solely for testing purposes, prior to the finalisation of regulations detailing the membership and appointment process.

The intention is to establish shadow AIPBs across all five HSC trust geographical areas, with initial roll-out commencing in the Southern Area. The readiness to establish the follow-on shadow boards will be determined by a Regional Working Group, which will be established to oversee the implementation. They will ensure involvement and collaboration across all geographic areas of the region, with representation from the range of professionals and sectors which will form the partnerships. A letter will follow outlining the purpose of the Regional Working Group and a request for nominations for involvement where required.

As outlined above, the establishment of the shadow AIPBs will provide us with an important opportunity to test all aspects of the design including the impacts both internally and externally and we would be grateful for your commitment to this initiative.

We thank you for your continued support of the ICS NI Programme and will continue to provide updates. In the meantime, please feel free to submit any specific queries regarding the ICS test or alternatively if you wish to discuss in person please contact us at ICSPMO@health-ni.gov.uk .

Yours sincerely,



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Adrian McCreesh
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19th January 2023

Dear Adrian McCreesh,

Levelling Up Fund: Round Two outcome

Thank you for submitting an application to the Levelling Up Fund. I know how much time and effort is spent in drawing up local bids, and am incredibly grateful to you for taking part and applying for the second round.

I am delighted to inform you that you have been successful in your Levelling Up Fund application for 'Maghera Regeneration Project' (LUF20478) and will be awarded £9,058,971. This funding is subject to satisfactory compliance with the appropriate subsidy control regime requirements.

You submitted a strong application, which performed well against our assessment criteria, and I was pleased to hear about the projects that you plan to deliver with this investment. I appreciate the hard work that went into the application and am very keen, as I am sure you are, to get delivery and spend underway quickly. Officials will be in contact shortly with your officers to discuss the next steps in the process.

Congratulations once again, and I look forward to working closely with you over the coming months, to make sure that your Levelling Up Fund investment is a success.

With every good wish,

DEHENNA DAVISON MP