

Report on	Correspondence to Council
Date of Meeting	Thursday 14 December 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	<p>Correspondence from Department for Works & Pensions</p> <p>The Chair has received correspondence from Mims Davidson MP, Department for Works & Pensions in response to Council's letter in relation to the Cost of Living Crisis. Refer to Appendix A</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from Department for Infrastructure</p> <p>The Chair has received correspondence from the Permanent Secretary of Department for Infrastructure in response to Council's letter of concern with regard to the procedure set out for 'handling correspondence in relation to maintenance defects. Refer to Appendix B</p>
3.3	<p>Correspondence from Environment Protection Agency</p> <p>The Chair has received correspondence from the Environment Protection Agency in response to Council's letter regarding water quality in Lough Neagh. Refer to Appendix C</p>
3.4	<p>Correspondence from Ards & North Down Borough Council</p> <p>Correspondence has been received from Ards & North Down Borough Council with regarding a motion passed in relation to Lifelong Learning. Refer to Appendix D</p>
3.5	Correspondence from Equity NI

3.6	<p>The Chair has received correspondence from Equity NI in response to Council's letter in relation to Arts funding cuts. Refer to Appendix E</p> <p>Correspondence from the Cabinet Office</p> <p>The Chief Executive received correspondence from the Cabinet Office regarding the opportunity to avail of a portrait of HRH King Charles. Refer to Appendix F</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
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	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>Appendix A: Department for Works & Pensions Appendix B: Department for Infrastructure Appendix C: Environment Protection Agency Appendix D: Ards & North Down Borough Council Appendix E: Equity NI Appendix F: Cabinet Office</p>