

Report on	Correspondence to Council - September 2021
Date of Meeting	Thurs 23 rd September 2021
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

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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 Derry City & Strabane District Council</p> <p>The Chief Executive of Derry City & Strabane District Council has corresponded with the Chief Executive to give notification that it has carried motion on the Rights of Nature. The council received notification at its July meeting that Fermanagh & Omagh Council carried a similar motion on the matter. Refer to Appendix A.</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from Department for the Economy</p> <p>The Council Chairperson has received correspondence from the Minister for the Economy in response to the Council's request that the £14m clawback due from BT in 2023 and 2024 is redirected into broadband provision into rural areas with poorest broadband speeds. Refer to Appendix B.</p>
3.3.	<p>Correspondence from Department for Infrastructure</p> <p>The Council Chairperson has received correspondence from the Minister for Infrastructure in response to rural roads and maintenance contract issues across the Mid Ulster district. Refer to appendix C.</p>
3.4	<p>Correspondence from Department for Health</p> <p>The Council has received a response to the correspondence from the Council Chair from the Minister for Health regarding the Council support for the Newry, Mourne & Down DC motion requesting consideration be given to the extension of free dental care for mothers beyond the initial 12-month period during the COVID period. Refer to appendix D.</p>

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Derry City & Strabane District Council Appendix B Department of the Economy Appendix C: Department for Infrastructure Appendix D: Department for Health