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Chief Executive



Our Ref: Democratic Services

Date: 17 February 2021

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Mr Adrian McCreesh
Chief Executive
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Dear Mr McCreesh

Re: Divestment from Fossil Fuels, Tobacco and Arms

At the Council's Policy and Resources Committee meeting of 10 February 2021, whilst discussing the Council's Climate Change and Sustainable Development Strategy, Members referred to a Motion which our Council had approved on 4 June 2019 calling on NILGOSC to divest from fossil fuels, tobacco and arms.

The Motion was as follows:

"Fermanagh and Omagh district council calls on the Local Government Officer's Superannuation Committee to divest the local Government pension scheme from fossil fuel companies.

Further, this council also calls on the local Government Officers Superannuation Committee to bring forward an ethical investment policy and desist from investment in tobacco and arms companies".

The Council asked that I write to the other ten Councils to seek their support for the course of action outlined within the Motion.

I have also written to NILGOSC seeking an update on progress on this matter since June 2019.

The Council trusts your Council will look favourably on its request to support this Motion and looks forward to receiving your response in due course.

Yours sincerely

Alison McCullagh
Chief Executive

FROM THE MINISTER
Diane Dodds MLA



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Cllr Cathal Mallaghan
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22 February 2021

Dear Cllr Mallaghan

Thank you for your letter of 6th February 2021 outlining the difficulties with the closure of Tempest in Cookstown and the impact of such closures on the town centre.

Many businesses, in the retail sector, are facing an unprecedented level of challenge and I understand why you are concerned about the town centre. It is good to hear that your Council are planning to discuss this in one of your meetings. The Executive Office has agreed to establish a cross-departmental High Street Taskforce to consider and address key issues facing businesses and it would be useful if you could connect with this grouping to discuss your concerns. As urban regeneration is not a function of my Department and is a function of the Department for Communities I would suggest you should contact that Department regarding the town centre issues.

Sorry I cannot help you on this occasion, I wish you continued success in your efforts to sustain and grow your town centre in such challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

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DIANE DODDS MLA
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02 March 2021

Local Government Boundaries Review

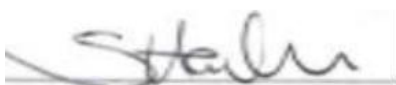
Dear Chief Executive,

I am writing to you regarding my Review of Local Government Boundaries in NI that is currently underway. You will have received correspondence from my team at the start of February, when I launched the Local Government Boundaries Commissioner (LGBC) website.

We have subsequently received a number of queries from Councillors across Northern Ireland on the process for conducting the Review and the Review timeline. While this information is available on the website (www.lgbc-ni.org.uk), I would be happy to provide some further details on the process and timeline through a virtual information session for your members in the coming weeks.

If this is something that your members would find useful, please contact my Secretary on 07971856939 to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours faithfully



Sarah Havlin



Local Government
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Theorainneacha Rialtais
Áitiúil do Thuaisceart Éireann

Mairches o Hamelt
Government Commissioner
fer Norlin Airlan

Local Government Boundaries Commissioner

cc Jenny McGuigan, LGBC Office.



Derry City & Strabane
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Our Ref: TJ/C100/21

12 March 2021

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Dear Mr McCreese

At a Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 25 February 2021, the following Motion was passed:

That this Council recognises the strategic, social and economic benefit of restoring the former Great Northern Railway line between Strabane and Derry as an essential first phase of getting Strabane and County Tyrone reconnected to the Irish railway network.

That this Council writes to the Fermanagh and Omagh, Mid-Ulster and Armagh and Banbridge and Craigavon District Councils in regards to the feasibility of restoring the rail link from Londonderry to Portadown.

This Council calls on the Department of Infrastructure to conduct a feasibility study supported by a business case to enable this proposal to be put into effect as soon as possible.

This Council agrees to write to the Minister of Infrastructure to show our support for including rail expansion to Strabane in the Regional Strategic Transport Network Plan to 2035 and further supports the Minister of Infrastructure in working with the Irish Government and on future rail expansion for the North West.

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I would appreciate your consideration in this important matter would be grateful for a response in relation thereto.

Yours sincerely

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John Kelpie
Chief Executive



Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust



Appendix E

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Our Ref: AD/CE/50(1)
Your Ref:

Date: 18 March 2021

Dear Adrian

Thank you for your letter of 26 February 2021 and for the interest that the Council takes in relation to the provision of ambulance services in the area.

I would be very happy to meet with the Council to discuss the issues raised in your letter in more detail. In the meantime, I would comment as follows on the specific issues raised by Council members as outlined in your letter.

New Housing developments and the NIAS Navigation system

New housing developments are captured as part of the Ordnance Survey NI (OSNI) Pointer data set, which are released on a regular basis. The pointer dataset is the foundation of our Gazetteer held within the Computer Aided Dispatch system, which automatically updates the satellite navigation systems in our ambulances.

More generally, on the issue of locating properties, particularly in rural areas, I very much welcome your planned promotional campaign to encourage both houses and lane entrances to be clearly numbered. I believe this is an issue we could work on jointly, and with your agreement, will provide the contact details of our Media and Communications Manager who would lead on this on behalf of NIAS.

Response times

Ambulance response times continue to be challenging, particularly during the Pandemic when a substantial number of staff have been unavailable for work at any time due to Covid-19 related issues such as needing to self-isolate. This has increased our reliance on the need for staff to work overtime to provide as much operational cover as possible. The longer-term solution to this lies in the full implementation of our new Clinical Response Model which would see an expansion in our operational workforce of over 300 staff. We continue to work with the Department of Health to secure funding for this expansion.



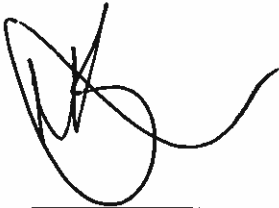
The introduction of our new Clinical Response Model forms part of a wider framework on ongoing service reforms in NIAS. I appreciate your concerns as to how this translates into practice within rural areas and look forward to providing the Council with a full overview as to how each part of our strategy connects to deliver as equitable a service as possible across all areas.

Estates issues

Upgrading our estates to make them fit for purpose and ensuring that they are geographically sited in areas which provide most benefit is a key deliverable of our strategy to transform 2020-2026 – “Caring Today, Planning for Tomorrow”. As such, I would welcome the opportunity to discuss the NIAS strategic plans to reconfigure our estate, the impact that these proposals will have on response times and the potential for collaborative work with Mid Ulster Council in the development of these plans.

I look forward to having the opportunity to discuss these issues in more detail with the Council, and would ask your office contacts my PA, Nikki Dornan via email chief.secretary@nias.hscni.net or telephone 028 9040 0712 to arrange a suitable time.

Yours sincerely

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Michael Bloomfield
CHIEF EXECUTIVE