

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT	5th February 2019
TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	
FOR DECISION	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with Government, agencies and potential strategic partners
Lead Officer	Director of Environmental Services
Cost: (If applicable)	Nil

1.	<p>ARDS & NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL – CALL FOR ACTION BY LARGE SUPERMARKET RETAILERS FOR ACTION ON SINGLE USE PLASTICS (correspondence dated 4th December 2018)</p>
	<p>Ards and North Down Borough Council have recently written to the main large supermarket retailers that operate in Northern Ireland (Tesco, Sainsburys, Asda, M&S, Lidl, Iceland and Co-Op) in a call for urgent action on single use plastics.</p> <p>The Council has also written to the Secretary of State for Environment advising of their petition to large supermarket retail companies and asking that the measures requested of them be incorporated as part of any future UK wide legislation governing waste and recycling obligations for producers and retailers of consumer products. Furthermore, Ards and North Down Borough Council have requested that specific legally binding targets be established for these plastics management controls.</p> <p>Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council is asked to consider joining forces to provide a more effective, co-ordinated call upon large supermarket retailers – writing in similar terms to these companies and encouraging your member authorities to do like-wise. Copies of their letters are attached.</p> <p>It is recommended that Environmental Services Committee consider the request.</p>

2.	KEEP NORTHERN IRELAND BEAUTIFUL – LIVE HERE LOVE HERE (correspondence dated 20th December 2018)
	<p>Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful are hoping to discuss Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council's possible engagement with the Live Here Love Here programme.</p> <p>The Live Here Love Here partnership includes Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, the Housing Executive, Choice Housing, ten Councils, McDonald's and Coca-Cola. There are three main elements; media campaign, volunteering support programme and a small grants scheme.</p> <p>The opportunities remain for Causeway Coast and Glens to consider financially contributing to Live Here Love Here, in particular the small grants scheme and Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful would welcome understanding better how they can meet the needs of the Council through this community engagement activity.</p> <p>It is recommended that Environmental Services Committee consider the request.</p>

Copy correspondence available.