

Title of Report:	Correspondence
Committee Report Submitted To:	Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	4 February 2020
For Decision or For Information	FOR INFORMATION

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with Government, agencies and potential strategic partners
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	
Included in Current Year Estimates	N/A
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to present correspondence for Members' consideration.

2.0 The following are listed:

2.1 Housing Council January Bulletin (copy attached)

The Northern Ireland Housing Council met on Thursday, 9th January 2020 at 10.30 am in the City Hall Belfast.

2.2 NILGA Strategic Consultations with Member Councils – Council Led Reform, £3.5 billion Shared Prosperity Fund for Northern Ireland, Shared Services (copy attached)

NILGA, your 11-council owned policy, investment and development body, is keen during the financial year 2020/2021 to develop in partnership 3 specific strands of council led actions which will help to maintain and improve our public services, keep rates at prudent levels, apply new investment channels for capital developments and adopt a transformative approach to shared services across councils driven by what each and every council in local government here wants and needs to be sustainable.

From Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council's perspective, we ask that council offers corporate comment on each of the planned consultations across the 11 councils on the above matters, upon receipt of which NILGA will co-ordinate and apply the findings with each council and Solace, putting policy & practice during 2020/2021 into place.

3.0 It is recommended that Council note the correspondence.



JANUARY HOUSING COUNCIL BULLETIN

The Northern Ireland Housing Council met on Thursday, 9th January 2020 at 10.30 am in the City Hall Belfast.

For Information, a report of the attendance is undernoted:-

Members Present

Ald Tommy Nicholl	Mid & East Antrim Borough (Chair)
Cllr Mark Cooper	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough
Cllr Nick Mathison	Ards & North Down Borough
Ald Jim Speers	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough
Ald John Finlay	Causeway Coast & Glens Borough
Cllr Michelle Kelly	Belfast City
Ald Amanda Grehan	Lisburn & Castlereagh City
Cllr Catherine Elattar	Mid Ulster Borough
Cllr Michael Ruane	Newry, Mourne & Down District

Members Apologies

Cllr Anne-Marie Fitzgerald	Fermanagh & Omagh District (Vice Chair)
Ald Allan Bresland	Derry City & Strabane District

Housing Council Members appointed to the Housing Executive Board

The Chair congratulated the four Housing Council members who have been appointed to the Housing Executive Board from the 1st January 2020. Those were:-

- Councillor Catherine Elattar
- Councillor Michael Ruane
- Alderman Amanda Grehan
- Alderman Allan Bresland

The Housing Council's considered various routine items at the Meeting, followed by detailed discussions on the undernoted matters:-

- Members received a presentation from representatives from the Housing Executive on Housing Supply and Housing Stress, including Latent Demand Testing
- The Housing Executive's Chief Executive gave a verbal update on **Housing Executive's Business from the December Board Meeting**, which included the following items:-

1. Housing Executive Community Safety Strategy
 2. Social Housing Enterprise Evaluation & Strategy
 3. Strategic Proposals: Fundamental Review of Allocations
 4. Strategic Proposals for Stock Re-Provision
- Members then received an update from Paul Price & David Polley Department for Communities, on the **Departments' Housing Top Issues** to date, which included:-
 1. Social Newbuild starts
 2. Co-ownership
 3. Programme for Social Reform
 4. Fundamental Review of Social Housing Allocations Policy
 5. Reclassification of Northern Ireland Social Housing Providers
 6. Supporting People Delivery Strategy
 7. Homelessness Strategy
 8. St Patrick's Barracks, Ballymena
 9. Regulation of the Private Rented Sector
 10. Increasing Housing Supply
 11. Affordable Warmth Scheme
 12. NIHE Rent Scheme
 13. Welfare Reform Mitigation payments

The next Housing Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 13th February at 10.30 am in the Coleraine Council offices

Should you require any further information or have any questions regarding the content.

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23rd January 2020

Dear Cllr Bateson and David,

Pre – Consultation Notice

NILGA Strategic Consultations with Member Councils – Council Led Reform, £3.5 billion Shared Prosperity Fund for Northern Ireland, Shared Services.

As you are well aware, the fiscal challenges facing councils in Northern Ireland require collective, sector wide work as well as vigilance and forward planning in each council. So, too, does the ambition of local government to be a growing public sector and civic leader for the communities we serve.

NILGA, your 11-council owned policy, investment and development body, is keen during the financial year 2020/2021 to develop in partnership 3 specific strands of council led actions which will help to maintain and improve our public services, keep rates at prudent levels, apply new investment channels for capital developments and adopt a transformative approach to shared services across councils driven by what each and every council in local government here wants and needs to be sustainable.

Working within the Association's Policy & Learning Networks – supported by senior officers and elected members from right across the councils – an evidence and action-based approach has already been designed, with practical work plans - and a timetable for roll out - approved.

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Please look out for the sequence of 3 consultations, starting with Council Led Reform in late January 2020.

Without doubt each of the Policy actions ensuing will fulfil our collective wish to deliver high quality services at affordable costs to ratepayers, this year and throughout the electoral term.

Please convey this pre-notice (which I have copied to your NILGA Executive members) to the most appropriate Standing Committee of your council.

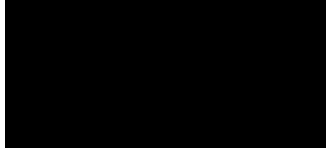
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With renewed thanks for your co-operation and partnership.

Yours sincerely,



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