

Title of Report:	Correspondence Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	The Leisure and Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	17 th November 2020
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	
Outcome	
Lead Officer	Director of Leisure and Development

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	n/a
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	n/a
Code	n/a
Staffing Costs	n/a

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 this report is to present correspondence for Members consideration.

2.0 Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Language Week)

Correspondence has been received from Conradh na Gaeilge regarding Irish Language Week requesting that Council considers promoting the event across the Borough,

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Leisure and Development Committee considers the content of the correspondence.



Conradh na Gaeilge
Gaeláras Mhic Ardghail
Sráid an tSéipéil
An tIúr
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(English Language version follows)

A Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh, a chara,

Is í **Seachtain na Gaeilge**, a bhíonn ar siúl idir 1 Márta go dtí Lá Fhéile Pádraig, an fhéile Ghaeilge is mó agus is fadmarthanaí sa bhliainfhéilire. Tagann pobail agus grúpaí le chéile, go háitiúil agus thar sáile, chun imeachtaí a eagrú le béim ar an Ghaeilge. Bíonn imeachtaí ann ar nós dianchúrsaí teanga, cóisirí sráide, agus go leor eile. Cuidíonn agus spreagann muidne i gConradh na Gaeilge – an grúpa abhcóideachta ar son na Gaeilge – an oiread grúpaí agus is féidir le páirt a ghlacadh in imeachtaí **Seachtain na Gaeilge**, is cuma cé chomh mór nó chomh beag is atá an imeacht.

Ar an ábhar seo, iarraidimid ort i do ról mar Phríomhfheidhmeannach ar Chomhairle Chósta an Chlocháin & na nGlinntí dul i dteagmháil le hionadaithe tofa na Comhairle agus le pobal na Gaeilge i do cheantar i dtreo is go mbeidh **Seachtain na Gaeilge** á cur chun cinn go bliantúil i gceantar na Comhairle.

Molann Conradh na Gaeilge go gcuirfeadh Comhairle Chósta an Chlocháin & na nGlinntí ciste faoi leith ar fáil do ghrúpaí pobail Gaeilge chun cuidiú leo a n-imeachtaí féin a eagrú le linn **Seachtain na Gaeilge**. Tuigtear dúinn go gcuireann roinnt comhairlí scéimeanna miondeontais téamacha ar fáil go bliantúil agus creidimid go gcuirfeadh a leithéid go mór leis an athbheochan leanúnach sa Ghaeilge ag leibhéal an phobail, athbheochan a bhfuil an iomaí buntáiste ag baint léi.

Ina theannta sin, mholfaimís don Chomhairle plé a dhéanamh le pobal na Gaeilge go háitiúil chun amharc ar na bealaí is fearr le **bheith** leo chun ardán a chur ar fáil le ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar an phobal le linn **Seachtain na Gaeilge**. Tá Conradh na Gaeilge ar fáil chun rannpháirtíocht a éascú leis an phobal áitiúil agus chun ceist ar bith eile a bhaineann le cosaint agus cur chun cinn na Gaeilge a phlé.

Le meas,
Seán Ó Murchadha
Oifigeach Ardú Feasachta
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Dear Chief Executive,

Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Language week), which takes place from the 1st of March to St. Patrick's Day, is the biggest and longest running Irish language festive event in the calendar year. Communities and groups, both locally and abroad, come together to organise events with a focus on the Irish language. These events range from intensive language courses, to street parties and everything in between. We in Conradh na Gaeilge, the Irish language advocacy group, encourage and assist as many groups as possible to involve themselves in some way in **Seachtain na Gaeilge**, no matter how small or big the event.

With this in mind, we would ask you as Chief Executive of Causeway Coast & Glens Council to engage with the elected representatives of the council and the Irish speaking community in your borough so that the council would promote **Seachtain na Gaeilge** annually within its area.

Conradh na Gaeilge asks that your council provide a specific fund to local Irish language community groups to support them to organise their own events during **Seachtain na Gaeilge**. We are aware that many councils provide thematic small grant schemes annually and we believe this would contribute significantly to the ongoing revival of Irish at community level, with all of the benefits that flow from that.

Furthermore, we would encourage Causeway Coast & Glens Council to engage with the local Irish Language community to explore ways to explore ways to join with them to best showcase their celebration of Irish within the dates of **Seachtain na Gaeilge**. Conradh na Gaeilge would be available to facilitate engagements with the local community to assist the council with this with and with any other issue in relation to the protection and promotion of the language.

Le meas,

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