

Title of Report:	Correspondence
Committee Report Submitted To:	Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting
Date of Meeting:	24 January 2023
For Decision or For Information	FOR INFORMATION

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)			
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership		
Outcome	Council operates as one effective and efficient corporate unit with a common purpose and culture		
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services		

Budgetary Considerations		
Cost of Proposal		
Included in Current Year Estimates		
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	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:	
(RNA)	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:	
Data Protection Impact	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:	
Assessment (DPIA)	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:	

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1.0 Purpose of Report

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

- **2.0** The following correspondence has been received:
- 2.1 Councillor Robert Irvine, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, dated 21st November 2022

Re: Northern Ireland Local Government Partnership on Traveller Issues

In response to a request from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, Councillor Irvine has confirmed that copies of the minutes of the Northern Ireland Local Government Partnership on Traveller Issues will be forwarded to Council, when ratified. Councillor Irvine has advised they are exploring online connectivity at future meeting locations.

2.2 Steve Baker MP, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, dated 21st December 2022 (copy attached)

Re: Northern Ireland Local Government Elections 2023 Extract

After discussion with the Chief Electoral Officer, the Electoral Commission and political parties, we are proposing legislation that will move the date of the local elections to 18 May 2023.

It is recommended that Council consider the correspondence.

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21 December 2022

Dear Mr Jackson,

Northern Ireland Local Elections 2023

As you are aware, the Coronation of King Charles III is set for 6 May 2023. As things stand, the local election date in Northern Ireland, as set out in legislation, will be 4 May 2023. This will mean that the count is very likely to run into the day of the Coronation. The Chief Electoral Officer has confirmed that in her professional opinion, this will impede the smooth running of the election and count and cause difficulties for staff involved.

After discussion with the Chief Electoral Officer, the Electoral Commission and political parties, we are proposing legislation that will move the date of the local elections to 18 May 2023. I would be grateful if you could pass this information on to Councillors and your staff.

I am grateful for the work of you and your staff in preparing for these local elections and I hope you will understand the need to change the scheduled poll day on this occasion.

Yours sincerely,

STEVE BAKER MP
MINISTER OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

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