

Title of Report:	Correspondence Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	14th November 2023
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee YES/NO	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with Government, agencies and potential strategic partners
Lead Officer	Director of Environmental Services

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

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

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

1.0 Purpose of Report

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

2.0 The following correspondence has been received:

2.1 **Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, date 27th October 2023** (copy attached)

Summary

Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful have written to give an update on the Live Here Love Here campaign and outline how Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful and Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council can work together in the years ahead.

In the next financial year, Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful are asking for Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council to begin supporting Live Here Love Here by investing £21,000 and to at least retain the budget of £2,975 for Eco-Schools. They appreciate that budgets at the local government level remain under pressure. The money invested will be used to support local community groups, businesses and the wider economy. Using an collaborative approach, Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful will be able to make the money invested go further by working with other funders and stakeholders.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee consider the correspondence.



27th October 2023

Dear David

I am writing to you today to give you an update on the Live Here Love Here campaign and outline how we can work together in the years ahead. We have been able to make huge strides in protecting our environment and building resilience in communities that are facing increasing pressures but now really need your Council's help by joining the campaign.

Even in a tough financial year, Live Here Love Here has been able to grow and achieve impressive results, benefitting the local economy and ratepayers. We are the main behaviour change campaign in Northern Ireland that focuses on changes that will benefit council resources when it comes to waste management and littering. And despite your Council not supporting Live Here Love Here we have, to date, continued to support local volunteers, groups and schools.

Last year, your council invested £2,975 in Eco-Schools. Despite this limited support we attracted significant investment into the local area: And of course, that extra money is largely spent supporting your local businesses.

In the next financial year, we are asking for your council to begin supporting Live Here Love Here by investing £21,000 and to at least retain the budget of £2,975 for Eco-Schools. We appreciate that budgets at the local government level remain under pressure. The money you do invest will be used to support local community groups, businesses and the wider economy. Using our collaborative approach, we will be able to make the money you invest go further by working with other funders and stakeholders. I am determined that Live Here Love Here will continue to evolve and remain relevant in supporting communities at a time of great need.

Working together, we have come a considerable distance in making a difference. As Eco-Schools approaches its 30th anniversary and Live Here Love Here approaches its 10th anniversary (both in 2024), let's continue working together to make sure we achieve even bigger results in the next decade.

Both of these programmes are in the business of long-term change that can deliver real results, and now is the time to build on the progress to date. Live Here Love Here and Eco-Schools are already at the heart of so many parts of this council area and we want to go further.

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I hope that you can agree to initiate the budget requested for Live Here Love Here and retain the budget for Eco-Schools and approve this request. Your support and the work of your team is critical in allowing us to achieve these results. An investment in these two programmes is an investment in the future and the well-being of everyone.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, can I finally just thank you and your officers for their support for Eco-Schools over the past year.

Yours sincerely,



Ian Humphreys

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