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| Title of Report: | Correspondence Report |
| Committee Report Submitted To: | Leisure & Development Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 21 November 2023 |
| For Decision or For Information | For Information |
| For discussion In Committee | No |

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| Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25) | |
| Strategic Theme | Local Economy Healthy Engaged Communities. Improvement and Innovation. |
| Outcome | |
| Lead Officer | Head of Prosperity and Place |

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| 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 |

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| Legal Considerations | |
| Input of Legal Services Required | N/A |
| Legal Opinion Obtained | N/A |

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| 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 The following are listed:

2.1 Correspondence from the Department for the Economy regarding NI Business Start-up Programme Performance 2022/23 (Dated 08 November 2023)

The Department for the Economy has responsibility for monitoring performance in relation to the NI Business Start-Up Programme against statutory targets. Confirmation of the audited performance of the overall programme performance and that of Causeway Coast and Glens has now been provided.

The 'Go For It' Programme ended in September 2023 with the new Enterprise Support Service being implemented from mid-November 2023.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Members note the correspondence.

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Date: 08 November 2023

Dear Mr Jackson

Causeway Coast and Glens Council NI Business Start-up Programme Performance 2022/23

As you are aware the Department has the responsibility of monitoring performance in relation to the NI Business Start-Up Programme against statutory targets set out in the Local Government (Performance Indicators and Standards) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015. I am now writing to confirm your audited performance for 2022/23.

2022/23 Performance

The overall programme performance has exceeded its statutory target of 1,573 jobs created with 1,777 jobs created for 2022/23. This is a noteworthy achievement given residual effects of the pandemic remain, and reflects very well on the collective work of councils to promote support for business start-ups in their areas over the period.

In relation to your own performance, the figures for 2022/23, along with your statutory target are set out below.

| Statutory Jobs Target | Total Jobs Created 2022/23 | Target Variance |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 125 | 131 | +6 |

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Future Development of Performance Indicators and Standards

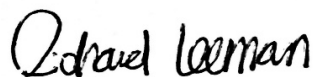
You will be aware the current statutory indicators will apply until September 2023 when the 'Go For It' Programme ends.

DfE will engage with councils on how the new Enterprise Support Service (ESS) programme, to be implemented with effect from 13th November 2023, will be monitored under the 2015 Order.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to here, please contact my team by email at DfE-Entrepreneurship@economy-ni.gov.uk.

We wish you the best with the start of the ESS.

Yours sincerely,



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