

Title of Report:	Correspondence
Committee Report Submitted To:	Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	3 September 2024
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee	No

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	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	N/A
Staffing Costs	N/A

Legal Considerations			
Input of Legal Services Required		YES/NO	
Legal Opinion Obtained		YES/NO	
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:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

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

2.0 The following correspondence has been received:

2.1 Louise Anderson, Department for Communities, 13 August 2024 (copy attached, Appendix 1)

Extract

Thank you for your invitation of the 14th June for Minister Gordon Lyons to attend a Council meeting with Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council in December. Unfortunately, Minister Lyons is unable to attend the council meeting but has asked a senior official to attend on his behalf. Please contact homelessness@communities-ni.gov.uk to make the necessary arrangements.

Further correspondence was received via email on 19 August 2024 to confirm David Polley, Director in Housing Supply Policy and will be attending the Council Meeting on 3rd December 2024.

3.0 Councillor Lillian Seenoi Barr, Mayor, Derry City and Strabane District Council, 7 August 2024 (copy attached, Appendix 2)

3.1 Extract

At a Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 24 July 2024, the following Proposal was passed:

That this Council will work with local hospitality venues to ensure they have a QR code of their menu available at the door or upon entry, welcoming all our residents who are blind or partially-sighted.

The Council recognises the expertise of the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), their vision for a world where blind and partially sighted people participate equally, and their goal of breaking down the barriers for blind and partially sighted people.

The Council also recognises the expertise of Angel Eyes NI, a charity that supports children and young people with vision impairment and their families.

Their mission is that, through engagement with children and young people, their families, and relevant stakeholders, they will help overcome barriers for children who are blind or partially sighted.

This Council will work with RNIB and Angel Eyes NI to ensure the project's success and that all menus and menu formats are accessible, in line with visual impairment best practice guidelines. This Council will write to the other councils within NI to encourage them to become visually aware districts and promote a similar project.

I would appreciate your consideration in this important matter and would be grateful for a response at your earliest opportunity.

4.0 Keith Leighton, Captain, Bann Rowing Club, 21 August 2024 (copy attached, Appendix 3)

4.1 Extract

I am writing on behalf of the Committee and Members of Bann Rowing Club, Hannah and the Scott family to express our thanks to you and your team for the part you played in making Hannah's homecoming celebrations such a success.

We do appreciate that a lot of hard work had to be done at very short notice. We are indebted to all the organisations, agencies and local businesses who collaborated to make the events happen in the Rowing Club, the town centre and the Town Hall. We were overwhelmed by the support and goodwill from the local community who were present on the day.

5.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council consider the correspondence.



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Date: 13th August 2024

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Via email: [REDACTED] [@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk)

Dear Sinead

**INVITATION TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2024
TO DISCUSS TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION AND HOUSING IN CC&GBC**

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**Louise Anderson
Private Secretary**



Mayor / Méara
Councillor/ An Comhairleoir
Lilian Seenoí Barr
SDLP

Our Ref: TJ/C387/24

7 August 2024

Dear Chief Executive

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Yours Sincerely



Councillor Lillian Seenoi Barr
Mayor
Derry City and Strabane District Council



BANN ROWING CLUB

The Boathouse
Hanover Place
Coleraine
BT52 1EB

David Jackson and Maura Quinn
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

21st August 2024

Hannah Scott - Homecoming Celebrations

Dear David and Maura,

I am writing on behalf of the Committee and Members of Bann Rowing Club, Hannah and the Scott family to express our thanks to you and your team for the part you played in making Hannah's homecoming celebrations such a success.

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Coleraine's first Olympic gold medal was a glorious occasion for Hannah, the Club and the whole town, The extensive, positive media coverage over the last week will undoubtedly support our collective aim of improving the sporting facilities for all the young people in our Borough. We look forward to working together to fulfil this aim and creating a lasting legacy of Hannah's success in Paris.

I hope you were able to enjoy the day as much as we did, and let's hope we can bring further successes to the town's oldest sporting club in the future!

Yours sincerely,

Keith Leighton
Captain