

Title of Report:	Correspondence Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	Leisure & Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	17 September 2024
For Decision or For Information	For Information
For discussion In Committee	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Healthy & Engaged Communities
Outcome	The Borough comprises cohesive and stable communities which work collaboratively with a range of stakeholders to address issues and deliver on opportunities.
Lead Officer	Director of Leisure & 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

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	N/A
Legal Opinion Obtained	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 The following items are listed:

2.1 Correspondence from the Head of Entrepreneurship Branch at the Department for the Economy on the NI Business Start-up Programme (Dated 05 September 2024)

Performance letters were issued to Councils for the first 6 months of 23/24 which concluded the 'Go For It' programme. With the delay in the launch of the new 'Go Succeed' programme there is to be no performance analysis for the final six months.

The target for 24/25 has been set with the CCGBC job creation target of 128.

Members are asked to note the contents of the correspondence.

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Date: 05 September 2024

Dear Mr Jackson

Causeway Coast & Glens Council NI Business Start-up Programme Performance 2023/24

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the Department for the Economy (DfE), I want to extend our congratulations on the launch of Go Succeed. The dedication of each Council to supporting the creation and growth of more and better business start-ups is truly appreciated.

Since 2015, DfE have been responsible for monitoring performance in relation to the NI Business Start-Up Programme against statutory targets set out in the Local Government (Performance Indicators and Standards) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2023.

In December 2023, we issued performance letters for the first 6 months (April to September) of the 2023/24 year associated with the GoForIt programme which concluded in September 2023. Following consultation with Belfast City Council, as lead council on behalf of the 11 councils, it has been agreed that no beneficial purpose is served by issuing a performance analysis for the final 6 months of 2023/24. This decision takes into consideration the delayed launch date and mobilisation of the new service which resulted in Go Succeed only being fully operational for a fraction of the final 6 months.

I am therefore writing to acknowledge receipt of your audited performance for the last 6 months of 2023/24, which represents the first 6 months of Go Succeed and to confirm the current agreed statutory target for 2024/25 year.

The total target for all the councils is 1701 jobs created of which your council has a job creation target of 128 per annum during 2024/25.

Future Development of Performance Indicators and Standards

During 2024/25, DfE will engage with councils with the aim of agreeing more relevant performance indicators and standards appropriate to the Go Succeed Service.

We wish you the best with Go Succeed and are eager to see your continued progress.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Leeman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small square box to its left.

Richard Leeman
Head of Entrepreneurship Branch

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