



<b>Correspondence Report For Decision/Information</b>	<b>26 March 2019</b>
<b>Council Meeting</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Leader and Champion
<b>Outcome</b>	Establish key relationships with Government, agencies and potential strategic partners
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Director of Corporate Services
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	Nil

**Copy correspondence attached.**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Department of Education – 13 March 2019</b>
	<p>The Department of Education has completed an Equality Screening on its 2019-20 Resource Budget. A further version (or further versions) may be produced if additional information becomes available or if there are further budget developments.</p> <p>The Department has also completed a High Level Equality Screening Proforma. Further information can be found on <a href="#">Department of Education - 2019-20 Resource Budget</a> <a href="#">2019-20 Resource Budget - High Level Equality Screening Proforma</a></p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Newry &amp; Mourne District Council 27 February 2019</b>
	<p>At a meeting of Newry &amp; Mourne District Council held 4 February 2019, the following Notice of Motion was unanimously agreed:</p> <p>“The Council strongly opposes the granting of consent for a Geological Disposal Facility to be located within the District, or indeed with any part of Northern Ireland or any part of the island of Ireland”.</p> <p><b>Council is asked to support this position and make written representation to the Minister.</b></p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>NORTHERN IRELAND COURT SERVICE – 6 MARCH 2019</b>
	Increase in Court Fees – April 2019

	<p>In 2016 the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunal Service (NICTS) consulted on proposals to increase court fees. Following this, a three year phased increase to court fees was agreed and incorporated into legislation.</p> <p>The first increase of 10% was applied to court fees in April 2017 with the second increase of 7.5% coming into effect on 1 April 2018. The next increase is now due and will come into effect on 1 April 2019, when a further 5% increase will be applied to all court fees, including enforcement fees.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Public Service Pensions Policy and Legislation – 22<sup>ND</sup> February 2019</b></p>
	<p>Policy screening document for the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) (Amendment) Directions (Northern Ireland) 2019.</p> <p>The policy screening document for the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) (Amendment) Directions (Northern Ireland) 2019 has been uploaded to the Department of Finance website.</p> <p><a href="https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/policy-screening-template-public-service-pensions-valuations-and-employer-cost-cap-amendment-1">https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/policy-screening-template-public-service-pensions-valuations-and-employer-cost-cap-amendment-1</a></p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Mid &amp; East Antrim Council 20 march 2019</b></p>
	<p>Further to a letter on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018 reference M&amp;EA Council motion:</p> <p>“That this Council declares that it will not tolerate summer hunger again and it resolves and it resolves to work with the statutory sector including other Northern Ireland Councils, agencies and voluntary sectors to bring forth a solution before the school holidays of summer 2019; we further commit tro sending this to each of the Northern Ireland Councils.”</p> <p><b>Council is asked to adopt the motion</b></p>