

Correspondence Report For Information	27 February 2018
Council Meeting	

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

1.	DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, CORRESPONDENCE DATED 17 JANUARY 2018
	Responses to Councillor queries raised at 28 November 2017 Council meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor C McShane Issues with Leyland road footways, lighting, maintenance etc
	<p>On 15 November 2017, a fault was discovered on the NIE network, which was affecting street lighting at the junction of Leyland Road and Ramoan Road, Ballycastle. This was reported to NIE and civil works to restore power to the lighting were completed on 13 December 2017.</p> <p>I understand you met with Mr S Mullan regarding the footway issue and it was explained that the footway provision is linked to the adjacent housing development</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Nicholl VRS at Longfield, wants it repaired and commented on yet more vehicles over turning at this location
	<p>The roundabout at Longfield falls under the responsibility of Western Division and I have asked them to respond directly to you.</p> <p>With regard to the cause of vehicles over tuning at this location an ongoing investigation which includes PSNI accident reports is underway.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Nicholl To what extent will the additional traffic created by the new DARD offices in Ballykelly effect traffic at peak times given congestion is a problem here now.

	<p>DAERA has worked closely with DfI to agree a new road layout for access to the site. Part of the design process included the monitoring and modelling of traffic flows impacts in and around the Ballykelly area. A condition of the planning approval for the new development is a requirement for automated traffic impact monitoring to continue until such times as DfI deem necessary.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor MA McKillop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gritting problem in Glenarrif last week. Issue with route optimisation and routes into Moyle from Eastern Division
	<p>As you will be aware the Department recently completed a route optimisation exercise which we implemented in 2016. The purpose of this review was to rationalise our gritting service and ensure it is delivered in the most economical and efficient manner possible, whilst ensuring all routes on our gritting schedules are treated.</p> <p>I know you will appreciate this review considered the road network holistically, rather than each road individually. This strategic approach helped ensure all roads on our schedules are treated as efficiently as possible. I will acknowledge that there may be occasions when some roads within a confined geographical area may be treated from differing depots, and this can result in some variation in treatment times. However, I would like to assure you this was considered during the review and any variation has been kept to a minimum, with most adjacent roads being treated within 30 minutes under normal circumstances.</p> <p>As a consequence I am content with the current gritting arrangements within the Glens area and it should be recognised that any changes to our optimised routes will likely negatively impact on the level of service provided to other, equally deserving, roads.</p> <p>To provide some indication of the magnitude of our gritting operation. The Department currently operates 107 distinct gritting routes out of 20 depots across the road network with more than 300 drivers on call to ensure 24 hours cover.</p> <p>Route optimisation has also ensured that all roads on our schedules will be treated within 3½ hrs with 94% being completed within the first 3hrs.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Loftus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glasgort Road in poor condition , flooding potholes etc.
	<p>Glasgort Road Aghadowey.</p> <p>I can confirm that a scheme has been recently completed to deal with long standing drainage issues. There are a number of minor defects which are not actionable at this time. The condition of verges are similar to that of many unclassified roads in the area which suffer from the ill effects of over-riding vehicles however having visited the site I do not feel intervention is needed at this time. The surface of the road itself is in reasonable condition for a minor rural road however we regularly review our resurfacing programme and will assess Glasgort road at a future date for possible inclusion.</p>