



Title of Report:	Correspondence
Committee Report Submitted To:	Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	1 October 2019
For Decision or For Information	INFORMATION

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with Government, agencies and potential strategic partners
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

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. Purpose of Report

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

2. The following are listed for noting:

2.1 NILGA, correspondence (dated 8 August 2019, received 12 August 2019)

Correspondence has been received from Councillor Frances Burton, NILGA President to convey both personal thanks and corporate congratulations to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, following the immensely successful 2019 Open Golf Championship in July.

2.2 Royal Portrush Golf Club (dated 13 August 2019, received 19 August 2019)

Correspondence has been received from Wilma Erskine, Secretary/Manager of Royal Portrush Golf Club and John Bamber, Chairman, Open Championship Committee thanking the Chief Executive and Council for its support and assistance provided with the hosting of The 148th Open.

2.3 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council – TV Licensing for the over 75's (dated 20 August 2019, received 29 August 2019)

Correspondence has been received from Mr Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council advising that at its meeting held on Monday 5 August 2019, the following Notice of Motion was agreed:

“This Council notes with serious concern the plans that the British Broadcasting Corporation has announced relating to the means testing of the provision of TV licensing for the over-75s.

The Council agrees to request that the BBC immediately cease these plans and agrees also that the Chairperson of Council convenes a meeting with BBC senior officials and the Newry and Mourne Senior Citizens Consortium to hear at first hand the impact that this decision will have on our most valued and respected Citizens of Newry, Mourne and Down”.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council are seeking support for this Motion from all Councils across Northern Ireland.

2.4 Belfast City Council – Equal Protection for Children Legislation (dated 12 September 2019)

Correspondence has been received from Democratic Services, Belfast City Council, at its meeting on 2ⁿ September, passed the following motion:

“This Council notes and welcomes the work of the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People’s work in promoting positive parenting and Equal Protection for Children.

In recognition of this work by the NICCY and in support of other agencies such as the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, this Council will write to Assembly Party Leaders, the Executive Office and other NI Councils to champion the inclusion of Equal Protection for Children legislation in the Programme for Government, which would remove the defence of reasonable chastisement for parents who physically punish their child and provide more support and guidance for parents to promote constructive and effective ways to encourage better behaviour and development for their children”

Belfast City Council welcome any comments Council may wish to make in relation to the motion.

3.0 It is recommended that Council consider the correspondence.