

Title of Report:	Correspondence Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	The Leisure and Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	21st January 2020
For Decision or For Information	For Decision / 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 Leisure and Development

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:

1.0 Purpose of Report

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

2.0 Fire and Rescue Service Budget

Correspondence has been received from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council requesting Council's support in calling on the Permanent Secretary to address the significant shortfall in the budget for the Fire and Rescue Service.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the Leisure and Development Committee consider this request for support.

3.0 Business Start-Up Activity Performance

Members are asked to note the information provided by the Department for the Economy on the performance of the NI Business Start-Up Programme and in particular the success of the programme within Causeway Coast and Glens.

4.0 Stendhal Festival

Correspondence has been received from the organisers of the Stendhal Festival thanking Council for their continued support.

Marie Ward
Chief Executive

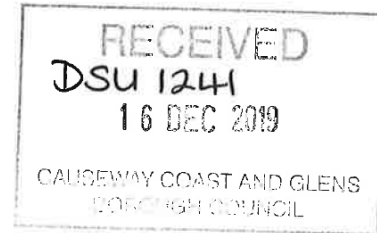


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**an Iúir, Mhúrn
agus an Dúin**
**Newry, Mourne
and Down**
District Council

Our ref: C/209/2019

9 December 2019

Mr David Jackson
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Dear Mr Jackson

Re: Fire and Rescue Budget

At a Meeting of Newry Mourne & Down District Council held on Monday 2 December 2019, the following Notice of Motion was agreed:

"That this Council contact Mr Pengelly, Permanent Secretary, and ask all other Councils in the North to do likewise, to address the significant shortfall on the proposed budget for the fire and rescue service. The continuing cutting of budgets has left lifesaving services at a critical level. We also call on Mr Pengelly to look again at expanding and sharing emergency services and cover, especially in rural areas".

Newry Mourne and Down District Council would ask for your support in calling on the Permanent Secretary to address these concerns.

Yours Sincerely

Marie Ward
Chief Executive

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20 December 2019

Dear Mr Jackson

Re: Council Business Start-up Activity Performance

I have recently received the end of year performance report for the NI Business Start Up Programme supplied by the lead partners Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council. As you are aware the Department has the responsibility of monitoring key performance targets in relation to the Programme and as outlined in *The Local Government (Performance Indicators and Standards) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015*.

I am pleased to note that the Northern Ireland programme has exceeded its overall target by 11% and that Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council has performed exceptionally well in achieving such a commendable outcome – 114%.

Future Development of Performance Indicators and Standards

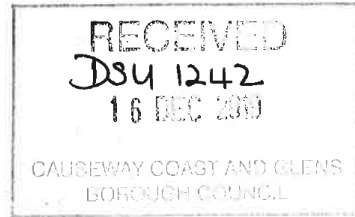
It is worth noting at this point that the Performance Indicators and Standards Order will be refreshed in the future to reflect the draft Programme for Government and the new programme priorities and targets. The reworking of this Order will be the subject of public consultation, led by the Department for Communities.

If you have any queries please contact the team via email bes2@economy-ni.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K m Camley". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kathryn McCamley
Head of Business Engagement Sponsor 2



Dear David,

On behalf of the management, board, volunteers, participants and guests of Stendhal festival, I would like to issue you a sincere thank you for your support of the festival this year.

We welcomed a total of 10,000 people to Ballymully Cottage Farm over the weekend and despite battling the toughest weather conditions we have ever had to contend with, managed to facilitate and manage another successful event.

We are proud to be the largest independent, outdoor camping music festival in the history of Northern Ireland and we could not do this without your kind support.

Your continued support has helped us to grow the event every year, create jobs in the local area, provide a platform for local artists of all disciplines, lobby for more arts provision in the local area and continue to work within the community to allow people of all ages to engage with different elements of the arts.

The Festival is always a great weekend and often overshadows the work we do within the community throughout the year, so I am keen to point out that your support does not just go to putting on the show but to also engage with people locally, a huge factor of why we do this.

We hope you had a great time at Stendhal and we welcome any and all feedback on any element of the event.

With 2019 in the rearview mirror, we have already turned our attention to 2020 and our 10th birthday.

We will continue to do everything we can to continue the growth of Stendhal going into this milestone event next August, with the intention of having an extra special festival to mark the occasion.

Thank you again for your support, we look forward to working with you again in 2020 and beyond.

With gratitude;
Ross, John, Colm.

Three handwritten signatures in blue ink. The top signature is "Ross", the middle is "John", and the bottom is "Colm".