

# Causeway Coast & Glens

## Borough Council

To: Corporate Policy & Resources Committee

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015

### Correspondence report

#### 1. Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership (NISMP)

Local government reform has coincided with a significant demographic change in Northern Ireland, brought about by almost ten years of net inward migration. In the 2011 census 4.5% of the population were born outside the UK or Ireland, representing a 3% rise in resident migrants in just a decade. In the new Causeway Coast and Glens Council over 2,400 residents have a language other than English or Irish as their main language.

NILGA in conjunction with the Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership has produced a series of profiles for new councils on the migrant and minority ethnic demographics for their area. NISMP is an interdepartmental partnership which supports partners including local councils in the development of policy and practices which are reflective of new demographics.

**NISMP Board would like to present to Council or the relevant Committee on the work of the partnership and how it can support Councils.**

#### 2. The Honourable The Irish Society – Mayor’s Chain of Office

The Secretary of the Society has written to thank Council for its decision to continue using the Society’s Chain as the main civic regalia.

#### 3. Equality Scheme Approval

The Equality Commission has written to confirm that the Commission approved the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Equality Scheme on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

The Commission acknowledges the considerable efforts made by Council and its officials to ensure that the Scheme fully complied with the Commission’s model Equality Scheme. The Commission also acknowledge the Council’s commitment to develop an action plan to demonstrate implementation of the Section 75 statutory duties.