



Title of Report:	Correspondence Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	11th January 2022
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with Government, agencies and potential strategic partners
Lead Officer	Director of Environmental Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	N/A
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	N/A
Staffing Costs	N/A

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No N/A	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

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

2.0 The following correspondence has been received:

2.1 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
(received 29th December 2021)

Summary

Copy correspondence regarding a Notion of Motion – Down High School, attached at Appendix 1, was received on 29th December 2021.

3.0 Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee consider the correspondence.

Marie Ward
Chief Executive

Our ref: C/242/2021

20 December 2021

Mr David Jackson CEO
Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council
Council HQ
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Dear Mr Jackson

Re: Notice of Motion – Down High School

At a Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on Wednesday 8 December 2021, the following Notice of Motion which was presented by the pupils of Down High School was agreed:

“We are here as members of Down High School Eco group because we understand it is our generations duty to tackle climate change. We are very concerned about the increasing levels of CO2 emissions, and the low density of woodland. We would love to see the extension of the Downpatrick Schools’ Community Woodland Project to plant 2026 trees as part of Cop26.

We want Newry, Mourne & Down District Council to help support us in the organisation of a Community Eco Fun Day to get the community and local schools involved in supporting tree planting and raising awareness of Climate Change. This project will help to:

- **Raise awareness about the climate crisis**
- **Provide habitat for wildlife**
- **Provide a new recreational area for our community**

We need our Council to show leadership in promoting Climate Change within the community.

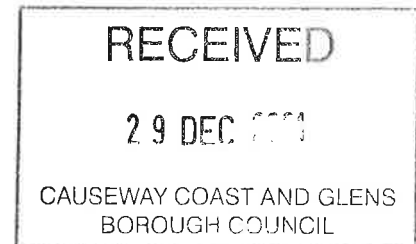
We ask that Council write to the NI Assembly asking that a tree be provided for every pupil in N. Ireland and that we write to the other 10 Councils asking them to support this initiative”.

The pupils received an enthusiastic positive response from Members who fully supported the Motion.

Discussion took place regarding an initiative recently adopted by the Welsh Assembly whereby a tree was provided for every pupil in Wales and Members asked that a similar initiative be adopted in N. Ireland.



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Members of Newry, Mourne and District Council expressed strong support for this Motion and urge your Council to also support it.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marie Ward', is written over the typed name.

Marie Ward
Chief Executive