



Title of Report:	Correspondence Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	12th September 2023
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee YES/NO	No

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

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

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 Keep Recycling Local, date 3rd July 2023 (copy available to Members on request)

Summary

Keep Recycling Local (KRL) consultant is seeking an opportunity to present to the Environmental Services Committee.

KRL is a recently launched campaign group created to help raise awareness about recycling in Northern Ireland. Their aim is to ensure that the recyclable materials collected here are also processed in Northern Ireland, to aid the circular economy and benefit our environment.

With the upcoming statutory guidance changes expected to have an impact on how collections are managed, and ahead of the upcoming DAERA consultation, they would appreciate the opportunity to present to members of the Council's Environment Committee at the earliest convenience (post July) to outline the benefits associated with keeping recycling local.

Given the potential savings for Councils, and that this is a core Council service provision, it might also be helpful for officials from the Chief Executive's Office and Finance Directorate to attend. Equally, they would be more than happy to speak with them separately.

Recommendation

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