

Title of Report:	Correspondence
Committee Report Submitted To:	Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	6 February 2024
For Decision or For Information	FOR DECISION
To be discussed In Committee	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership
Outcome	Council operates as one effective and efficient corporate unit with a common purpose and culture
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

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

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

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

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

2.0 The following correspondence has been received:

2.1 Diana Stewart, Local Government Staff Commission, Local Government Staff Commission for Northern Ireland Continuing Operations Beyond 2024, 25 January 2024 (copy attached)

Extract

The Department for Communities has informed the Local Government Staff Commission (the Commission) that the provisional date for dissolution has been further extended to 31 March 2027.

In order to implement our statutory functions, it is necessary for the Commission to determine a Financial Scheme up to 31 March 2025. At its meeting on 23 January 2024 the Commission considered a draft Financial Scheme for 2024/25.

Due to the ongoing budgetary efficiencies achieved by the Commission it is estimated that there will be a below inflationary level of increase in its total financial requirement for the year ahead. Once the schedule detailing the Estimated Penny Rate Product for Rates Support Grant for the incoming financial year is forwarded by the Department for Communities, I will be in contact to advise you of your apportioned contribution for the financial year 2024/2025.

2.2 David Forsey, Army Benevolent Fund, ABF 80th Anniversary – Royal Irish Concert Waterfront Hall, 6th April 2024 (copy attached)

An anniversary concert will be held at the Waterfront Hall, Belfast, featuring the Band, Bugles, Pipes and Drums of the Royal Irish Regiment. It will take place on the evening of Saturday 6th April 2024, to celebrate 80 years as a Service Charity, and as a salute to His Majesty the King in the second year of his reign, through the medium of music. It will also serve to raise funds for soldiers, army veterans and their families in times of need.

More information about the charity can be found at <https://armybenevolentfund.org/>

A group of Councillors and staff are invited to attend. VIP tickets cost £66pp and allow the holders to relax in a VIP lounge with drinks and nibbles as part of the ticket price, both before the show and during the interval. VIP seating is also included for the performance.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council consider the correspondence.



CHAIRPERSON
Mr Bumper Graham

25 January 2024

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Dear David

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND
CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEYOND 2024**

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support and if you have any queries in relation to the work of the Commission or the services provided, or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Diana Stewart
Director of Corporate Services

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20th January 2024

ABF 80th ANNIVERSARY – ROYAL IRISH CONCERT WATERFRONT HALL, 6th APR 2024

Dear David,

On behalf of our Hon Regional President, The Viscount Brookeborough KG, I would like to inform you of our Anniversary Concert at the Waterfront Hall, Belfast, featuring the Band, Bugles, Pipes and Drums of the Royal Irish Regiment. It will take place on the evening of Saturday 6th April 2024, to celebrate of our 80 years as a Service Charity, and as a salute to His Majesty the King in the second year of his reign, through the medium of music. It will also serve to raise funds for soldiers, army veterans and their families in times of need.

The Army Benevolent Fund has been in existence since 1944 and supports soldiers, veterans and army families who have fallen upon hard times, raising around £8 million annually to meet this need. Should you wish to know more about the work of the charity, you can visit our website at www.armybenevolentfund.org

We would like to invite a group of your Councillors and staff to attend and I would be grateful if you could enter the date of the concert into your forecast of events for 2024 and support the charity by planning to attend what I know will be a tremendously entertaining evening. VIP tickets cost £66pp and allow the holders to relax in a VIP lounge with drinks and nibbles as part of the ticket price, both before the show and during the interval. VIP seating is also included for the performance.

If your policies do not allow funding for charitable support, I would be grateful if this could be circulated to councillors and staff who might share an interest in our aims.

If you have any enquiries, don't hesitate to contact me on ni@armybenevolentfund.org or by calling 02892 678112. Please note that we work from home on Mondays and Fridays.

Best wishes,

David Forsey
Director (NI)