

Title of Report:	Correspondence
Committee Report Submitted To:	Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	3 August 2021
For Decision or For Information	FOR DECISION

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-2025)	
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	
Included in Current Year Estimates	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 the report is to present correspondence for Members' consideration.

2.0 The following are listed:

2.1 Alison McCullagh, Chief Executive, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, (dated 6 July 2021) (correspondence attached)

At the Council meeting held on 5 July 2021, Members approved the enclosed Notice of Motion regarding Rights of Nature.

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council is calling on all Councils to explore 'Rights of Nature' for their council areas and looks forward to receiving your response in due course.

2.2 J Kelpie, Chief Executive, Derry City & Strabane District Council, (dated 8 July 2021) (correspondence attached)

At a Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 24 June 2021, the enclosed Motion was passed regarding Rights of Nature.

Derry City and Strabane District Council would appreciate your consideration in this important matter and would be grateful for a response.

2.3 Mr T E.J. Scholes-Fogg, Founder and Chief Executive, Emergency Services Day, (dated 22 July 2021) (correspondence attached)

Correspondence regarding the UK's Emergency Services Day (also known as 999 Day) which takes place on 9th September each year. I am pleased to write to you to provide you with information outlining how you and your local authority can support Emergency Services Day on Thursday 9th September 2021.

3.0 It is recommended that Council consider the correspondence.



Our Ref: Democratic Services

Date: 6 July 2021

Email: democratic.services@fermanaghomagh.com

To: All Councils in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland

Dear Chief Executive

Re: Rights of Nature

At the Council meeting held on 5 July 2021, Members approved the following Motion: -

“Fermanagh and Omagh District Council notes the legal and social movement globally for the ‘Rights of Nature’ aimed to strengthen protections for people, place and planet.

We believe that ‘Rights of Nature’ can help inspire an innovative rethinking about how to create regenerative, not extractivist, economies while also making human and other living communities safer, stronger and more resilient.

The positive work already being done by Council staff and groups on the climate emergency and biodiversity crises are commendable, but we recognise the need for a rights-based approach to nature.

We propose, that over the next 6 months, this Council will collaborate with civic society to explore what rights of nature mean for the people and economies of the region and to investigate how Rights of Nature could be expressed in community plans, corporate plans, improvement objectives and other strategic frameworks. In particular, the council will in the next 6 months hold two community workshops and work with the local community and stakeholders to draw up a Declaration for the Rights of Nature for the District area to be brought back before Council for adoption.

We also request that a report, authored in collaboration and with input from the local community be brought to FODC in relation to embedding ‘Rights of Nature’ as a keystone concept into Council’s operational practices, planning processes and long-term decision making.

Mindful of our mutual environmental obligations under the Espoo Convention we call on all Councils, North & South, to also explore ‘Rights of Nature’ for their Council areas, not least in Donegal, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan, Mid Ulster & Causeway, Coast & Glens”.

As outlined in the Motion, the Council is calling on all Councils to explore ‘Rights of Nature’ for their council areas and looks forward to receiving your response in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alison McCullagh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alison" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "McCullagh".

Alison McCullagh
Chief Executive



Our Ref: TJ/344/21

8 July 2021

Mr David Jackson
Chief Executive
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council
Civic Headquarters
66 Portstewart Road
Coleraine
BT52 1EY



Dear Mr Jackson

At a Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 24 June 2021, the following Motion was passed:

That Council notes the legal and social movement globally for the 'Rights of Nature' aimed to strengthen protections for people, place and planet.

Council recognises that 'Rights of Nature' can help catalyse an innovative rethinking about how to create regenerative, not extra-activist economies while also making human and other living communities safer, stronger and more resilient.

Council commends the excellent work already being done by Council officers on the climate emergency and biodiversity crisis but recognises the need for a rights based approach to nature.

Council will, over the next 6 months, collaborate with civic society (including The Gathering, Friends of the Earth Northern Ireland and trade unions) to explore what rights of nature mean for the people and economies of the region and to investigate how Rights of Nature could be expressed in community plans, corporate plans, improvement objectives and other strategic frameworks. In particular, the Council will in the next 6 months hold two community workshops and work with the local community and stakeholders including DAERA, NFU, UFU, IFA and any local farming groups to draw up a Declaration for the Rights of Nature for the Council area to be brought back before Council for adoption.

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Council asks for a report to come to Council on embedding 'Rights of Nature' as a keystone concept into Council's operational practices, planning processes and long term decision making.

Council notes our position as a border region and our mutual environmental obligations under the Espoo Convention and so invites Donegal County Council, in addition to all Councils in the North to also explore 'Rights of Nature' for their Council areas.

I would appreciate your consideration in this important matter would be grateful for a response in relation thereto.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Kelpie".

**John Kelpie
Chief Executive**



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the Prime Minister and First Ministers of NI, Scotland and Wales

Leaders of Local Authorities in the UK

22 July 2021

Dear Councillors and Mayors,

Emergency Services Day
9th September 2021

I am writing to you about the UK's Emergency Services Day (also known as 999 Day) which takes place on 9th September each year.

Almost **two million people** work in the British emergency services today, including **250,000** first responders – the people who respond when you dial 999.

999 Day was founded in 2016 and is a national day across the UK, **supported by Her Majesty The Queen**, TRH The Prince of Wales and Duke of Cambridge; the Prime Minister and First Ministers of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

999 Day is your opportunity to show your support for our selfless NHS and emergency services heroes; it is an opportunity for 999 charities to fundraise; and an opportunity for emergency services to engage with the communities they serve.

I am pleased to write to you to provide you with information outlining how you and your local authority can support Emergency Services Day on **Thursday 9th September 2021**.

The main way you can show support is by purchasing an official 999 Day flag and flying it from your local authority and all council buildings on 999 Day. You may wish to host a small event with the Lord Mayor and other dignitaries, and pass a motion at Full Council. Information on purchasing a flag and guidance on events and media is attached.

If you are holding an event for 999 Day, if you could let us know so that we can put a map together showing events from across the UK. The information just needs to be the venue / host / type of event and one line.

As a Local Authority, I hope we can count on your support for the 999 Day, and I hope you will fly the 999 Flag to show your support for those who serve.

If you have already purchased a flag– which many of you did – please just follow the 'flag raising' guidance in the guidance.

Should you have any questions at all, you can contact us by emailing contact@999day.org.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Thomas E.J. Scholes-Fogg,
Founder and Chief Executive
Emergency Services Day



EVENT AND MEDIA GUIDANCE 2021

July 2021

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Key Statistics:

- Approximately **2 MILLION** people work and volunteer across the NHS and emergency services today, many of whom are volunteers, without whom the emergency services could not operate effectively.
- Over **7,500** members of the UK emergency services have been killed in the line of duty in the last 200 years.
- **Six** main branches of the emergency services (Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance, NHS, maritime (Coastguard and Lifeboats) and Search and Rescue (Mountain, Lowland, Mine and Cave).
- **One** national day (9th September) to celebrate our NHS and 999 heroes.

The Emergency Services Day story by Tom Scholes-Fogg, 999 Day Founder and Chief Executive

The 999 Day story began in 2001 when my grandfather, John Scholes was a Police Sergeant in Greater Manchester Police and months away from retirement. One of his officers, PC Alison Armitage, had tragically been killed in the line of duty.

The officers from my grandfather's station planted a tree in Alison's memory. My grandfather showed me the tree, and we reflected on the terrible circumstances which led to Alison's death at the age of just 29. My grandfather turned to me and said, "in this country we don't look after our emergency services as much as we should." Those words have always stuck with me and I would often reflect on why that was.

In 2016, I began looking into ways the UK honoured emergency services personnel and those killed as a result of their service. I was astonished to discover that unlike other countries, the UK had no national annual day to honour and promote the work of the NHS and emergency services.

We had a hugely successful Armed Forces Day, but nothing for our NHS and 999 heroes, this despite there being 10 times more people serving in the NHS and emergency services than our armed forces.

I presented a plan for Emergency Services Day to 10 Downing Street and secured the support of then Prime Minister Theresa May. We had our first 999 Day in 2017 which launched with support from Her Majesty The Queen, HRH The Prince of Wales and HRH The Duke of Cambridge. Prince William has visited first responders each 999 Day since I founded it.

A simple conversation between a grandfather and a grandson led to the creation of the UK's '999 Day'. It's good to talk.

Emergency Services Day

Emergency Services Day (9th September) is a national day across the UK, and is your opportunity to show your support for our selfless NHS and emergency services heroes.

Emergency Services Day is also known as 999 Day.

Aims of 999 Day:

- Promotes our NHS and 999 heroes who have served.
- Promotes the many career and volunteer opportunities available across the emergency services / NHS.
- Promotes using the emergency services responsibly and promotes efficiency.
- Educates the public on essential life-saving skills.
- Promotes emergency services charities and the work they do.
- Promotes campaigns being run by frontline emergency services.
- An opportunity for 999 services to engage with the communities they serve.
- Promoting trust between the emergency services and the communities they serve.
- An opportunity for local authorities to promote relevant campaigns.

Supporters of 999 Day:

999 Day is honoured to have the support of **HM The Queen, HRH The Prince of Wales, HRH The Duke of Cambridge**, the Prime Minister and First Ministers of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

999 Day is supported by the National Police Chiefs' Council, the National Fire Chiefs' Council, Association of Ambulance Chief Executives, the NHS, Maritime and Coastguard Agency and all Search and Rescue organisations across the UK.

999 DAY FLAGS

We encourage you to purchase a 999 Day flag and fly it from all local authority buildings. The 999 Day flag should be raised at **9am on 9th September** and taken down the following day.

The 999 Day flag can either be raised immediately before, during or after the two minutes' silence to remember the more than 7,500 emergency services personnel killed as a result of their duty. Mayors and Leaders often prefer to have a photo-call of the flag being raised at the town hall.

There are two versions of the Emergency Services Day flag – one in English and one in Welsh then English. An image of the flags is shown below. The flags are available in small which cost £14.99 (includes packaging and postage) or large which cost £34.99 (includes packaging and postage). The small flags are (100cm x 150cm) and the large flags are (150cm x 225cm). We can also provide you with a quote should you require a different size.

As the flag is copyright protected, they can only be purchased through us as we are run as a non-profit, so the proceeds from the flags go towards promoting the 999 Day.

Flags can be pre-ordered NOW with guaranteed delivery by Wednesday 1st September 2021. No flags will be posted after 1st September 2021. Flag stock is sold on a first come first served basis.

The 999 Day flag is already flown from Government Departments and a great many local authorities across the UK.



TWO MINUTES' SILENCE TO REMEMBER THE FALLEN:

At 9am on 9th September there will be a 2-minutes' silence to remember all who have been killed as a result of their service to our nation. People are encouraged to participate and not tweet etc for those two minutes. If you are holding an event then this can be followed either by the National Anthem, the ringing of a bell or the Last Post.

FLAG RAISING EVENT:

Example itinerary for the flag raising ceremony:

08:45am – 08:50am: VIPs start to attend.

08:50am – 08:54am – Welcome by the LA Leader or Mayor

08:54am – 08:58am – Religious official to say a prayer or school children to read something out.

08:58am – 09:00am – Emergency Services Prayer of Thanksgiving is read.

09:00am – 09:02am – The 999 Day flag is raised and a two-minute's silence takes place to remember the more than 7,500 emergency services personnel killed in the line of duty in the last 200 years and to remember the many more who have been injured or died as a result of their service.

09:02am – 09:03am – Bugle is played or a bell is rung.

09:03am – 09:10am – Representatives of the emergency services to say a few words about the importance of having a 999 Day to show support for those who save life, limb and property.

The above is just an example outline for you to tailor depending on dignitaries and guests. If you would like to clarify anything just drop us an email.

We find that having a variety of emergency services personnel present (police, fire, ambulance, NHS, search and rescue) and having some of the 999 vehicles in the background makes a great photo.

LOGO

We have two logos – one with just English wording, and one with joint English and Welsh wording. These can be seen below. We have the files in a variety of formats – including a Scots version should it be required. These logos are free to use on a non-modification and non-commercial basis. Should you wish to modify or use them for commercial use, please contact us for permission.



LEAFLETS AND POSTERS

We also have some leaflets and posters promoting the 999 Day – it would be great if you could display them in your buildings.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND MEDIA

A major 999 Day media and social media campaign (hashtag #999Day) takes place on 9th September. This media campaign promotes the aims of 999 Day and encourages people, local authorities, businesses and the community to promote and give thanks to the millions of people who work and volunteer across the NHS and emergency services.

999 charities / the emergency services to tweet and post their stories about the emergency services and promote their preferred emergency services charity.

Your communications team, Councillors and personnel are encouraged to tweet and promote local campaigns – whether it be teaching people to stay safe, to report crime, to attend first aid courses you might put on. The official 999 Day aims below will guide you.

Use 999 Day to promote your support and appreciation for those who serve in the NHS and emergency services – personalise it where possible.

Sample social media posts:

- Police Constable Joe Bloggs from MyTown was killed in the line of duty, XX number of officers have been killed whilst serving in my force, Paramedics in MyCity saved my life when I suffered a cardiac arrest.
- Promote any campaigns you are running – whether it be fire safety, promoting volunteer recruitment, how to do CPR or when to really go to A&E or when to phone 999.
- People could tweet and promote their preferred emergency services charity.
- Promote local good news stories involving the emergency services.
- If you use the hashtag #999Day and copy in the official verified account @999Day then we can retweet it and accurately monitor the success of the day and more importantly learn how to make it even better for 2021!

You are also encouraged to contact your local media too to ensure your personalised stories are picked up in the press.

PLEASE USE THE CORRECT SOCIAL MEDIA!

Please copy us into your social media posts so that we can retweet and repost you. Please also ensure you are using the correct hashtag so that we can trend on social media and truly measure our reach.

The Twitter name is @999Day

Hashtag #999Day

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/official999day>

Website: www.999Day.org.uk

FULL COUNCIL MOTION

Local Authorities and Parliaments are encouraged to pass the following motions.

That this Council records its support for the UK's annual national 'Emergency Services Day' which is held on 9th September and which is supported by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; and that this Council places on record its sincere appreciation for the two million people who work and volunteer in the NHS and emergency services today.

That this Council agrees to fly the official flag of the 'Emergency Services Day' above the town hall on 9th September each year to mark 999 Day.

ANY QUESTIONS? GET IN TOUCH

contact@999day.org.uk

We will respond to you within 48 hours.