

Correspondence Report For Information	24 April 2018
Council Meeting	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with Government, agencies and potential strategic partners
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services
Cost: (If applicable)	Nil

1.	Department for Communities – Rates Support, De-rating and Transferred Functions Grants 2018/2019 Budget dated 21 March 2018
	<p>Correspondence has been received from the Department for Communities in relation to financial allocations for 2018/19.</p> <p>Budget Allocations to Northern Ireland Department for 2018/19 were provided by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in a Written Statement to parliament on Thursday 8 March 2018. This letter provides details of Councils financial allocation for 2018/2019 which is based on the budget allocations provided to the Department for Communities.</p>
2.	Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (NIHRC) – Investigation Report on Travellers’ Accommodation in Northern Ireland
	<p>Correspondence has been received from NIHRC to advise that their investigation report ‘Out of Sight, Out of Mind: Travellers Accommodation in NI was officially launched at the beginning of March 2018. This report considered Travellers’ accommodation in NI in the context of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Article 11 (right of adequate housing). The report sets out a range of findings that are structural around the individual components of the right to adequate housing. It concludes with 45 recommendations, five of which require urgent action.</p> <p>The full report and executive summary were forwarded to Elected Members electronically. Members can also view the documents via the following link:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.nihrc.org.

3.	Request for Loan of Mace
	<p>The Causeway '1718 Society in Transition Exhibition' is opening in Coleraine Town Hall on Thursday 10 May by the Mayor – Councillor Joan Baird.</p> <p>The Museum Officer has written to ask if it would be possible to display the Coleraine Mace in the opening and during the Exhibition which runs until 20 June. This is a really key object in relation to the 18 Century.</p> <p>The Exhibition is unmanned and the Mace is too large for a case. However it could be displayed behind Perspex screens that are enclosed. It would be alarmed similar to motorbikes in Ballymoney Museum.</p> <p>Recommendation: That Council consider the request.</p>