

Title of Report:	Correspondence
Committee Report Submitted To:	Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	25 June 2019
For Decision or For Information	INFORMATION

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with Government, agencies and potential strategic partners
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/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. Purpose of Report

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

2. Rt Hon David Lidington, CBE MP - Cabinet Office

Correspondence has been received on 29 May 2019 from the Rt Hon David Lidington, CBE MP, Cabinet Office with regard to development of the area following the Open and the Northwest 200. (Appendix A)

3. Andrew Stephenson MP, Minister for Business and Industry, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

Correspondence has been received on 7 June 2019 from Andrew Stephenson, MP, Minister for Business and Industry with regard to Notice of Motion on disposal of nuclear waste. (Appendix B)

4. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Council note the correspondence.



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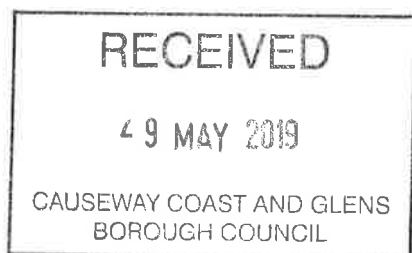
Dear David,

I want to express my appreciation to you and your staff at both Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

The meeting we had on the 17th of May was extremely valuable in understanding more around the opportunities the UK has as it relates to tourism in the local area. I was particularly impressed with how well the council have utilised the recent influx of tourism to improve the Causeway Coast for all. I would be keen to know more, particularly around the development of the local area following both the Open and the Northwest 200, so please do keep me updated on how it's progressing.

The opportunity to tour the coast in the beautiful sunshine was a particular highlight of my day.

I sincerely wish you all the best for the future.



[Handwritten signature]
Rt Hon David Lidington CBE MP



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4th June 2019

Dear Sinéad,

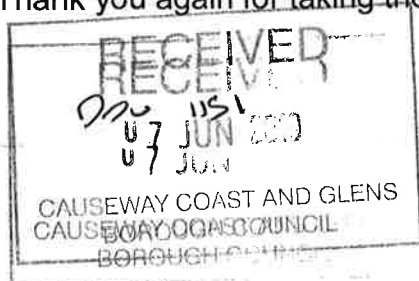
Thank you for your letter dated 22 May to the Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, concerning the council's Notice of Motion regarding the disposal of nuclear waste. I am replying as this matter falls within my Ministerial portfolio.

The Notice of Motion in your letter mentions Radioactive Waste Management's (RWM) national geological screening exercise. This exercise draws together existing high-level information about the geology across England, Wales and Northern Ireland that is relevant to the safety of a geological disposal facility (GDF). A White Paper, Implementing Geological Disposal, that was published jointly by the UK Government and the Northern Ireland Executive in 2014 committed RWM to carrying out this exercise. This work was undertaken in part because early consideration of geology was recognised as a crucial step in building public understanding of GDF development and confidence in the process to identify and consider safe potential siting areas. The national geological screening outputs provide information to help answer early questions about potential geological suitability for GDF development in any interested communities.

Northern Ireland does not have any higher activity radioactive waste and there are no plans for a GDF in Northern Ireland. The management of radioactive waste is devolved. Any future policy decision on geological disposal in Northern Ireland would be a matter for the Northern Ireland Executive and would be subject to community agreement and planning and environmental consents.

The UK Government and the Welsh Government have recently launched a new process to identify a suitable location for a geological disposal facility which is being undertaken in England and Wales only. Northern Ireland is not participating in this process.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I hope you find this information useful.



Best Wishes

ANDREW STEPHENSON MP
Minister for Business and Industry