

Title of Report:	Correspondence
Committee Report Submitted To:	Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	2 June 2020
For Decision or For Information	FOR 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	N/A
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 Mr Robert Wilks – Harry Gregg OBE, dated 19 February 2020 (copy attached)

Correspondence has been received from Mr Robert Wilks expressing his sincere condolences to the wife and family of the late Harry Gregg and requesting that Council agree to the Coleraine Showgrounds being renamed the Harry Gregg Stadium.

2.2 Northern Ireland Housing - March Housing Bulletin (copy attached)

The Northern Ireland Housing Council met on Thursday 12 March 2020 at 10.30am in Omagh Council Offices.

2.3 Department for Infrastructure – 'Drive on Left' Signage at Tourist Attractions, dated 20 April 2020 (copy attached)

Correspondence has been received in response to Council's letter dated 26 March 2020 in relation to 'Drive on Left' signage at tourist attractions.

3.0 It is recommended that Council note the correspondence.

Harry Gregg Stadium.

I don't think any one would have any objections to my proposal.

I know that he wants his memory to live on through the Harry Gregg Foundation.

At the next meeting of Coleraine Borough Council would you please put my proposal on your agenda to be discussed and voted on.

Yours sincerely
Robert D. G. Wilks.

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28 FEB 1993
CAUSEWAY COAST AND
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dear Sir,

May I express my sincere condolences to the wife and family of the late Harry Gregg a Manchester United and Northern Ireland Goalkeeping legend and hero.

Would the Council agree to my proposal that we rename the Coleraine Showgrounds the



MARCH HOUSING COUNCIL BULLETIN

The Northern Ireland Housing Council met on Thursday, 12th March 2020 at 10.30 am in Omagh Council offices.

For Information, a report of the attendance is undernoted:-

Members Present

Ald Tommy Nicholl	Mid & East Antrim Borough (Chair)
Cllr Anne-Marie Fitzgerald	Fermanagh & Omagh District (Vice Chair)
Cllr Nick Mathison	Ards & North Down Borough
Ald Jim Speers	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough
Cllr Michelle Kelly	Belfast City
Ald John Finlay	Causeway Coast & Glens Borough
Ald Allan Bresland	Derry City & Strabane District
Cllr Michael Ruane	Newry, Mourne & Down District

Members Apologies

Cllr Mark Cooper	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough
Ald Amanda Grehan	Lisburn & Castlereagh City
Cllr Catherine Elattar	Mid Ulster Borough

The Housing Council's considered various routine items at the Meeting, followed by detailed discussions on the undernoted matters:-

- Members received a presentation from the Housing Executive on the Continuous Tenant Omnibus Survey.
- Members also received a presentation on the Housing Executive's Working together for safer communities - Community Safety Strategy 2020-2023
- The Housing Executive's Chief Executive gave a verbal update on **Housing Executive's Business from the February Board Meeting**, which included the following items:-
 1. Presentations - The Board received presentations on the Draft Budget Submission 2020/21 and on the ARTES Project – NIHE Construction Skills and Learning Centre.
 2. Monthly Finance Report as at 31st February 2020
 3. HR Policies (Resourcing Policies and Procedures and Organisational Change Policy)
 4. Approval to Award Contracts- Provision of Insurances

5. Provision of a Dispersed Intensively Managed Emergency Accommodation Service
 6. Planned Maintenance Procurement Strategy
 7. Transfer of land at Manse Way/Milewater Drive, New Mossley to Connswater Homes
 8. Supporting People 2,4 & 8% Budget Adjustment and Associated Reinvestment
 9. Core Landlord Benchmarking Activities
 10. Landlord Rental Income Reserve and Stock Investment
 11. Compliance/Health & Safety Assurance Report
 12. Water Hygiene (Legionella) Strategy
 13. Supporting People Programme – Progress Status Update
 14. Land Acquisitions and Disposals Quarterly Update
- Members then received an update from Paul Price & David Polley Department for Communities, on the **Departments' Housing Top Issues** to date, which included:-
 1. Social Newbuild starts
 2. Co-ownership
 3. Programme for Social Reform
 4. Fundamental Review of Social Housing Allocations Policy
 5. Reclassification of Northern Ireland Social Housing Providers
 6. Supporting People Delivery Strategy
 7. Homelessness Strategy
 8. St Patrick's Barracks, Ballymena
 9. Regulation of the Private Rented Sector
 10. Increasing Housing Supply
 11. Affordable Warmth Scheme
 12. NIHE Rent Scheme
 13. Welfare Reform Mitigation payments

Once the minutes of the meeting are ratified at the April Meeting, they can be accessed on the Housing Council website: www.nihousingcouncil.org

The next Housing Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 9th April at 10.30 am in the Island, Lisburn.

Should you require any further information or have any questions regarding the content.

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Your reference:
Our reference: CORR-1415-2020
Date: 20th April 2020

Dear Ms Duggan,

‘DRIVE ON LEFT’ SIGNAGE AT TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Thank you for your letter of 26 March regarding the above matter. As Minister responsible for promoting and improving road safety, I want to work actively with partners to reduce death and serious injuries on our roads.

My Department’s officials have consulted the PSNI’s local road policing team which was not aware of the incident in question. Your Committee may wish to share the footage with them for further investigation. The PSNI has also confirmed that driving on the wrong side of the road is thankfully fairly rare and based on this advise the provision of such traffic signing is not justified. It is also questionable whether such signing, while extremely well intentioned, would actually be effective in preventing such occurrences.

My Department is, however, mindful of the risk posed to visitors who are unfamiliar with our rules of the road. We have provided advice through NI Direct for visitors driving in Northern Ireland, including the requirement to drive on the left. The Department also uses social media to encourage good driver behaviour on our roads by both visitors and locals.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank your Council for all of its efforts to keep citizens safe during this crisis and send my best wishes.

Yours sincerely

**NICHOLA MALLON MLA
Minister for Infrastructure**