



To: Corporate Policy and Resources Committee

Date: 16 August 2016

1. Purpose of this Report - to be informed of correspondence received.

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A.	Local Government Policy Division Circular LG 14/2016 Consolidated Councillor Allowances	
	<p>Local Government Policy Division circular LG 14/2016 Consolidated Councillor Allowances Circular updated July 2016.</p> <p>This circular includes the increased rates in respect of basic allowance and special responsibility allowance applicable from 1 April 2016 and from 1 April 2017.</p>	 LG Circular - Consolidated Coun
B.	Childrens Services Co-operation Act (Northern Ireland) 2015	
	<p>Correspondence has been received from Paul Sweeney, Permanent Secretary, Department of Education on potential impact of the Children's Services Co-operation Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 and the linkages with the next Children and Young Peoples Strategy.</p> <p>The Act was introduced as a Private Members Bill by Mr Steven Agnew and is aimed at improving co-operation amongst Departments and Agencies as they deliver services aimed at improving the well-being of children and young people.</p> <p>Following the restructuring of Department on 9 May, the duty for overseeing the Act has transferred from OFMDFM to the Department of Education. DE has also assumed responsibility for developing the next Children and Young People Strategy.</p> <p>As work on the strategy continues, the Department will be seeking input from Council on how better co-operation and better delivery may be achieved. In particular, the views of Council on how to work more effectively together, ensure ongoing co-operation with service providers, agencies and stakeholders and secure the continued participation from children and young people.</p> <p>Copy of correspondence is attached.</p> <p>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2015/10/contents/enacted</p>	 Childrens Services Co-operation Act (N