

Armorial Bearings	21st March 2017
Corporate Policy and Resources Committee For decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leadership and Champion
Outcome	Providing civic leadership to our citizens
Lead Officer	Director of Performance Democratic Services Manager
Cost: (If applicable)	£14,500

1.0 Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the sketch of the Coat of Arms received from the College of Arms to Committee and to enable Committee to make recommendation to Council to approve the design of the Arms so that the final design can be laid before the Kings of Arms for their approval.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Committee will recall that, at its meeting on 17th January 2017, it recommended approval of the elements and Motto put forward for consideration by the Armorial Bearings Sub-Committee. This recommendation was subsequently ratified by Council on 24th January 2017.
- 2.2 The elements and Motto were forwarded to the College of Arms to consider and to create a design. The College is responsible for approving the design and for issuing the Letters Patent which make the formal Grant of Arms.

3.0 Proposed design

- 3.1 A colour sketch of the proposed Arms together with explanatory text, prepared by the College of Arms, is appended to this report and will be presented at Committee's meeting along with a reminder of the elements agreed by Council.
- 3.2 The motto will be incorporated and Council has agreed that this will be:- 'Serving with Integrity' in Latin which has been translated by the College of Arms as 'INTEGERRIME SERVIRE'.

4.0 Next steps

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1. Design to be approved by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.
 2. Design approved by the Kings of Arms.
 3. Letters Patent painted with the new Arms, and with the armorial heading.
 4. Letters Patent text scrivened – this is the legal instrument.
 5. Letters Patent signed and sealed by the Kings of Arms.
 6. Letters Patent issued.
- 4.2 The approximate timescale for completion of this process can be up to four to five months. Once this process has been completed a presentation ceremony can be arranged.

5.0 Use of Coat of Arms

- 5.1 Further details and guidelines on the uses of the Coat of Arms will be brought following the granting of the Arms. It is suggested that, when granted, the Coat of Arms is used only for formal and ceremonial purposes and items.

6.0 Recommendation

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Council approves the design of the Coat of Arms together with the descriptive text.

Rationale of Arms Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council



“In the design of Arms we endeavour to develop a simple, clear and memorable design. We therefore seek elements which can communicate more than one meaning.

The shield is divided into four by a diagonal cross or saltire. The top and bottom are blue as a reference to sea and sky; to the right and left the gold refers to beaches, dunes, fields of golden wheat, the distillery and the Brighter hoard. The garbs or wheatsheaves represent agriculture and the harvest, and prosperity more generally. The anchors represent ports, harbours, the sea and rivers; they are also a symbol of hope and of security. The shield therefore represents both hope and prosperity, sea and land, with the anchors and the wheatsheaves in balance.

In the Crest above the helmet and mantling (not shown on the sketch) are placed some of the distinctive rocks of the Giant’s Causeway, with emerging from them a heraldic fountain (a blue and white striped roundel), and thereon a gold fish swimming upwards. This design makes reference to the rivers and coasts of the council’s area, to fish, and to the World Heritage Site of the Giant’s Causeway. Also relevant are the Altnahinch Dam, and the blue and white colours are a gentle reference to Scottish connections. The fish being upright gives an optimistic and aspirational atmosphere to the design, again expressing hope and abundance.

For the Supporters: these are granted only to local authorities of borough status and their presence is therefore a mark of distinction. Dragons were used as Supporters of the former Coleraine Borough Council and here the one dragon makes a gentle reference to the history of the area and its connections to London. The Irish Wolfhound balances this reference with one which relates to Ireland specifically. The Supporters have mural crowns which are a traditional heraldic reference to municipality and to borough status.”

Motto: INTEGERRIME SERVIRE – ‘Service with Integrity’.

The College of Arms February 2017