

**To: Corporate Policy & Resources Committee**

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**Correspondence report**

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1.	<b>B Mills, Coleraine RBL, Armed Forces Day 2016, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>	
	A small parade and the Raising of the Armed Forces Flag take place at Coleraine Town Hall and other places in the Borough this year. If possible, the Armed Forces Day Flag would fly at Coleraine Town Hall for a week from the date of the parade to show support.	 Armed Forces Day 2016.pdf
2.	<b>DOE, Rates Support Grant 2015/2016 - Additional Funding, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>	
	The Minister has agreed additional Rates Support Grant Funding of £700,000 for 2015/16 to be made available to the seven councils that qualify for Rates Support Grant. This further funding along with the additional funding of £2.1 million, provided to councils in October 2015, will restore the total Rates Support Grant for 2015/16 to the 2014/15 level of £18.3 million. This will result in an additional £97,251 for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.	 DoE 2nd Additional Rates Support Grant f
3.	<b>C Fisher, DETNI, Continuation of Council Support, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (email transcribed below)</b>	
	<p>“Following our meeting concerning the interest of Garvagh Enterprise Trust and the former High School, I'm writing to ask for a formal endorsement from the council, to sponsor GET's interest in acquiring the school site by way of a community asset transfer. You are aware from our conversation that the Department of Education have indicated its preparedness to allow GET and additional 12 to develop its proposal for the site.</p> <p>Part of our learning on supporting the disposal of surplus public assets to VCSE organisations in an understanding that the process works best when other public bodies commit time to support the venture, connecting this where feasible to its own strategic development priorities and community plans. DTNI believe that local authorities are often best placed to participate in the process and we ask that they formally 'sponsor' the groups interest in acquiring the asset. That does not commit the sponsor body to buy or invest financially in the process, it is merely a demonstration of commitment and support to allow the organisation in question develop the business case to underpin its request. This request is an extension of the sponsor role you have undertaken to date and sits alongside our recent request for CCGDC to engage with GET through its community planning officials.</p> <p>DTNI will seek to use some of the resources made available from DSD to work with GET and prepare its business case...”</p>	