

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>The Council Meeting</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>4 March 2025</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Decision</b>
<b>To be discussed In Committee</b>	<b>No</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>			
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership		
Outcome	Council operates as one effective and efficient corporate unit with a common purpose and culture		
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services		
<b>Estimated Timescale for Completion</b>			
Date to be Completed	N/A		
<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>			
Cost of Proposal	N/A		
Included in Current Year Estimates	N/A		
Capital/Revenue	N/A		
Code	N/A		
Staffing Costs	N/A		
<b>Legal Considerations</b>			
Input of Legal Services Required	YES/NO		
Legal Opinion Obtained	YES/NO		
<b>Screening Requirements</b>	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**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to present correspondence for Members' consideration.

1.2 The following correspondence has been received:

## **2.0 Colum Boyle, Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities, Storm Éowyn Response dated 21 February 2025 (copy attached)**

2.1 Storm Éowyn was a unique and exceptional experience for many working in the NI Civil Contingencies response. The Recovery Phase of the Civil Contingencies response has now concluded, and departments and agencies are continuing with the restoration work that will take a little more time including removal of debris, fixing of related damage etc. The work of all involved was key in informing practical responses that could reach those most in need and restore services as quickly as possible.

I would like to thank you for the commitment of your organisation and particularly the individuals within your organisation who participated in the Recovery Phase of the response effort. You and your organisation showcased resilience in handling what had been a difficult situation and in doing so displayed great collaboration across a wide range of partners. This effort contributed to the support provided to so many affected by the storm.

## **3.0 Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that Council considers the correspondence.



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Our Ref: PSC0048.25  
Date: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Via email: [REDACTED]@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Dear David,

## **STORM ÉOWYN RESPONSE**

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Yours sincerely,



**Colum Boyle**  
**Permanent Secretary**