

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>The Annual Meeting</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>2 June 2025</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Decision</b>
<b>To be discussed In Committee</b>	<b>No</b>

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)			
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		
Estimated Timescale for Completion			
Date to be Completed		N/A	
Budgetary Considerations			
Cost of Proposal		N/A	
Included in Current Year Estimates		N/A	
Capital/Revenue		N/A	
Code		N/A	
Staffing Costs		N/A	
Legal Considerations			
Input of Legal Services Required		YES/NO	
Legal Opinion Obtained		YES/NO	
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:
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## **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 Michael Murdoch MBE, Chief Executive Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association, correspondence dated 28 April 2025 (copy attached)**

### **Extract**

### **2.1 Re: Council Members Representation to The Reserve Forces and Cadets Association, Northern Ireland**

2.2 *Traditionally, RFCA NI, has been provided with one Council Member Representative who would have a dual role as the Veterans Champion (VC). However in June 2023 after consultation with the NI Veterans Support Office (as was) and the VCs, they agreed that the VC would benefit from having a Deputy. The funding from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust has resulted in a significant rise in the VCs profile and veteran community engagement. The nomination of a Deputy VC could provide great outreach within the constituency and help the VC with the increased workload generated from within the veterans' community.*

2.3 *Although mandated to provide one representative, I would be very grateful if you could consider the additional request.*

2.4 *Below is a tabled request from RFCA NI.*

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## **3.0 Recommendation**

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



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28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Mr David Jackson  
Chief Executive  
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council  
Cloonavin  
66 Portstewart Road  
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BT52 1EY

Dear David,

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Yours sincerely,

Mike

Michael Murdoch MBE  
Chief Executive