

<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>26 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 Alison McCullagh, Chief Executive, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council** (email dated 12 June 2025) (copy attached)

2.1 Re: Motion – Rural Parliaments

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## **3.0 Recommendation**

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

Alison McCullagh  
Chief Executive



Fermanagh & Omagh  
District Council  
Comhairle Ceantair  
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

Our Ref: Council/June 2025/13.2

Date: 13 June 2025

Email: [REDACTED]@fermanaghomagh.com

Mr David Jackson  
Chief Executive  
Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council  
66 Portstewart Road  
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Yours sincerely

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**Alison McCullagh**  
**Chief Executive**