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| Title of Report: | Correspondence |
| Committee Report Submitted To: | The Council Meeting |
| Date of Meeting: | 5 August 2025 |
| For Decision or For Information | For Decision |
| To be discussed In Committee | No |

| Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25) | | | |
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| 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 | | Paragraph 2.0 - Cost per person £120.00 plus VAT Cost per person (Veteran) £90.00 plus VAT (plus subsistence) | |
| Included in Current Year Estimates | | No | |
| 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: |
| | Screening Completed: | Yes/No | Date: |

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| Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) | | | |
| | 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 **Jason Gilard, Co Founder, CTS (Connect Through Service)** (email dated 26 June 2025 available upon request)

2.1 Re: Invitation – 2025 Northern Irish Veterans Awards – Thursday 16th October, Crowne Plaza, Belfast

Extract

Invitation extended to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council to attend this prestigious event recognising and celebrating the outstanding achievements of our ex-service personnel across Northern Ireland – individuals who continue to make a remarkable impact in business, the community, the voluntary sector and beyond.

Local Councils play a vital role in supporting our veteran community, and we would be honoured to have your representation at this year's event. The evening will bring together civic leaders, business professionals, military charities and our veteran community for a celebration of service, resilience, and continued contribution.

Cost

- Cost per person £120.00 plus VAT
- Cost per person (Veteran) £90.00 plus VAT

3.0 **John Kelpie, Chief Executive, Derry and Strabane District Council** (dated 11 July 2025) (copy attached)

3.1 Re: Motion Letter

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Given Ireland operates a single electricity market, this Council notes with concern the significant demand that data centres in the 26 counties now impose on the national grid, which is expected to rise dramatically over the next five years. Moreover, this Council is concerned that the absence of any overarching government policy or guidance on planning for data centres in the Six Counties is not conducive to monitoring and managing energy security and greenhouse gas emissions at a strategic level.

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Further, this Council will write to other local authorities calling on them to support our call for a central government policy and guidance on applications for data centres.

4.0 Grainia Long, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, dated 23 July 2025 (copy attached)

- 4.1 Following its Council Meeting held Tuesday 3 June 2025, The Mayor, Councillor McMullan wrote to Grainia Long, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Housing Executive to reiterate the need for social housing and to seek clarity on the percentage of social housing budget allocated for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area.

The response from Grainia Long to The Mayor, Councillor McMullan has been enclosed.

5.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council considers the correspondence.



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Our ref: TJ C260/25

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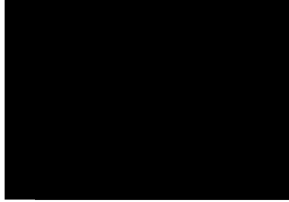
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I would appreciate your consideration in this important matter and would be grateful for a response at your earliest opportunity.

Yours Sincerely



John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council



Councillor Oliver McMullan
Mayor
Mayor's Office, Cloonavin
66 Portstewart Road
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Via Email: mayorsoffice@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

23rd July 2025

Dear Councillor McMullan,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 12th June 2025 regarding social housing provision in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (CCGBC) area. I apologise for the delay in responding. The Housing Executive remains fully supportive of all efforts to champion and support the provision of new homes to address housing shortages in the Borough.

I am pleased to advise that new social housing starts, confirmed as part of the 2024/25 SHDP in CCGBC, was the highest out-turn in the Borough in several years, with work starting on 237 new social homes. Over the lifetime of these schemes, the total Housing Association Grant (HAG) investment will be over £25m, representing around 14% of the total HAG allocated to new social housing starts in 2024/25. There are now 410 new social homes under construction in CCGBC and details of the associated schemes are included in Table 1 below.

In addition to this activity to address housing need, there are currently a further 411 new social homes programmed to start as part of the SHDP for the period 2025/26 – 2027/28 and details of these proposals are also included in Table 2 below. Please note that programmed schemes may slip to future SHDP years for a variety of reasons e.g. delays securing Planning Approval, viability concerns. Additional scheme proposals can also be added to the SHDP 'in-year' e.g. new developer-led proposals (Competitive Land, Design & Build), subject to availability of budget.

Although guidelines are put in place each year to monitor the delivery of new social housing starts across all Council areas and to ensure that Social Housing Development Programme (SHDP) out-turn is distributed appropriately, it is not possible to confirm a defined annual allocation of the SHDP Budget for each Council area.

An annual programme of Site Identification Studies (SISs) is also undertaken, to support housing associations in the delivery of new homes in areas of identified need. Site Identification Studies (SIS) were completed for Ballintoy and Dervock in 2024. A Registered Housing Association is currently investigating sites in Ballintoy and a housing mix has been provided as part of the process. Site Identification Studies are programmed to be undertaken in Ballykelly, Portrush, Portstewart, Loughguile, Ballybogy, Cushendun, Bendooragh and Waterfoot in 2025/26 and further studies will be completed as and when required.

Currently, the Housing Executive is seeking a quota of social housing (a minimum of 20%) residential sites in areas of social need across the Borough, as facilitated by Policy HOU2 of the Northern Area Plan 2016. This will help to increase housing supply and support sustainable communities.

The Local Development Plan (LDP) timetable has been published to include new dates for the publication of the Draft Plan Strategy (DPS). There will be a public consultation in which we will participate as a key statutory partner.

The Housing Executive's Central Planning & Policy Unit and Place Shaping teams will continue to work closely with the Council Planning Departments in the Local Development Planning process. This partnership will facilitate the provision of new social housing in areas of un-met need and the development of new affordable housing policies, which should assist in increasing delivery of new homes and facilitate access to land by housing associations in areas where this has traditionally been difficult.

I hope that this information is helpful and welcome your continued support to enhance the supply of new social homes in the Borough.

Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Grainia Long.

Grainia Long
Chief Executive



Table 1: New social housing schemes currently under construction in CCGBC

| Housing Association | Scheme Name | Location | Type | Need Group | Strategic Group | Units | Onsite Year | Completion Year |
|---------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------|-------------|-----------------|
| Alpha | Charlotte Street | Ballymoney | Competitive Land Design & Build | General Needs | Urban | 2 | 2023/24 | 2025/26 |
| Alpha | Charlotte Street | Ballymoney | Competitive Land Design & Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 5 | 2023/24 | 2025/26 |
| Alpha | Shell Hill | Coleraine | Competitive Land Design & Build | General Needs | Urban | 6 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
| Alpha | Shell Hill | Coleraine | Competitive Land Design & Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 5 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
| Apex | Freehall Road | Castlerock | Competitive Land Design & Build | General Needs | Rural | 10 | 2024/25 | 2026/27 |
| Apex | Freehall Road | Castlerock | Competitive Land Design & Build | Wheelchair Standard | Rural | 1 | 2024/25 | 2026/27 |
| Apex | Freehall Road | Castlerock | Competitive Land Design & Build | Active Elderly | Rural | 3 | 2024/25 | 2026/27 |
| Arbour | Abbey Street | Coleraine | Competitive Land Design & Build | Active Elderly | Urban | 12 | 2023/24 | 2025/26 |
| Arbour | Abbey Street | Coleraine | Competitive Land Design & Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 1 | 2023/24 | 2025/26 |
| Arbour | 10 Station Road | Dungiven | Competitive Land Design & Build | General Needs | Rural | 8 | 2024/25 | 2026/27 |
| Arbour | 10 Station Road | Dungiven | Competitive Land Design & Build | Wheelchair Standard | Rural | 1 | 2024/25 | 2026/27 |
| Arbour | 10 Station Road | Dungiven | Competitive Land Design & Build | Active Elderly | Rural | 3 | 2024/25 | 2026/27 |
| Ark | Oakdene Crescent | Ballykelly | Competitive Land Design & Build | General Needs | Rural | 16 | 2024/25 | 2027/28 |

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| Ark | Oakdene Crescent | Ballykelly | Competitive Land Design & Build | Wheelchair Standard | Rural | 1 | 2024/25 | 2027/28 |
| Choice | Greengage | Ballymoney | Competitive Land Design & Build | General Needs | Urban | 15 | 2023/24 | 2025/26 |
| Choice | Greengage | Ballymoney | Competitive Land Design & Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 1 | 2023/24 | 2025/26 |
| Radius | Laurel Hill, Coleraine Phase 3 | Coleraine | New Build (Design & Construct) | General Needs | Urban | 61 | 2024/25 | 2027/28 |
| Radius | Laurel Hill, Coleraine Phase 3 | Coleraine | New Build (Design & Construct) | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 8 | 2024/25 | 2027/28 |
| Radius | Laurel Hill, Coleraine Phase 3 | Coleraine | New Build (Design & Construct) | Active Elderly | Urban | 8 | 2024/25 | 2027/28 |
| Radius | 6-11 Greengage Cottages | Ballymoney | Social Housing via Planning Gain | General Needs | Urban | 6 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
| Rural | Site located south of McQuaig's Bar | Rathlin | New Build | General Needs | Rural | 8 | 2021/22 | 2025/26 |
| Rural | Site located south of McQuaig's Bar | Rathlin | New Build | Wheelchair Standard | Rural | 2 | 2021/22 | 2025/26 |
| Rural | Kilnadore Brae | Cushendall | New Build | General Needs | Rural | 31 | 2023/24 | 2026/27 |
| Rural | Kilnadore Brae | Cushendall | New Build | Wheelchair Standard | Rural | 3 | 2023/24 | 2026/27 |
| Rural | Taughey Road | Balnamore | Competitive Land Design & Build | General Needs | Rural | 13 | 2024/25 | 2027/28 |
| Rural | Taughey Road | Balnamore | Competitive Land Design & Build | Wheelchair Standard | Rural | 1 | 2024/25 | 2027/28 |
| Triangle | 1 Milltown Road | Ballymoney | Competitive Land Design & Build | General Needs | Urban | 15 | 2023/24 | 2025/26 |
| Triangle | 1 Milltown Road | Ballymoney | Competitive Land Design & Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 2 | 2023/24 | 2025/26 |
| Triangle | 57 Portstewart Road | Coleraine | Competitive Land Design & Build | Active Elderly | Urban | 26 | 2023/24 | 2026/27 |
| Triangle | 57 Portstewart Road | Coleraine | Competitive Land Design & Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 2 | 2023/24 | 2026/27 |
| Triangle | Edenmore Road | Limavady | Competitive Land Design & Build | General Needs | Urban | 33 | 2024/25 | 2027/28 |
| Triangle | Edenmore Road | Limavady | Competitive Land Design & Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 7 | 2024/25 | 2027/28 |
| Triangle | 2A Garryduff Road | Ballymoney | New Build | Learning Disabilities | Supported | 9 | 2022/23 | 2025/26 |

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| Triangle | 2A Garryduff Road | Ballymoney | New Build | Active Elderly | Urban | 9 | 2022/23 | 2025/26 |
| Triangle | 2A Garryduff Road | Ballymoney | New Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 1 | 2022/23 | 2025/26 |
| Triangle | 2A Garryduff Road | Ballymoney | Reimprovement | Learning Disabilities | Supported | 5 | 2022/23 | 2025/26 |
| Triangle | 57 Church Street | Limavady | Competitive Land Design & Build | General Needs | Urban | 21 | 2023/24 | 2026/27 |
| Triangle | 57 Church Street | Limavady | Competitive Land Design & Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 3 | 2023/24 | 2026/27 |
| Woven | Lower Captain Street | Coleraine | Competitive Land Design & Build | General Needs | Urban | 41 | 2024/25 | 2027/28 |
| Woven | Lower Captain Street | Coleraine | Competitive Land Design & Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 5 | 2024/25 | 2027/28 |

Table 2: New social homes programmed to start as part of the SHDP 2025/26 – 2027/28

| Housing Association | Scheme Name | Location | Type | Need Group | Strategic Group | Units | Onsite Year | Completion Year |
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| Ark | Ballaghmore Road | Portballintrae | Competitive Land Design & Build | General Needs | Rural | 10 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Ark | Ballaghmore Road | Portballintrae | Competitive Land Design & Build | Active Elderly | Rural | 3 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Ark | Ballaghmore Road | Portballintrae | Competitive Land Design & Build | Wheelchair Standard | Rural | 1 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Choice | Beresford, Coleraine Phase 2 | Coleraine | Social Housing via Planning Gain | Active Elderly | Urban | 13 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Choice | Beresford, Coleraine Phase 2 | Coleraine | Social Housing via Planning Gain | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 1 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Clanmil | Coleraine Road | Portrush | New Build | General Needs | Urban | 21 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Clanmil | Coleraine Road | Portrush | New Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 3 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Clanmil | Coleraine Road | Portrush | New Build | Active Elderly | Urban | 7 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Clanmil | Station Road Phase 2 | Dunloy | New Build | General Needs | Rural | 10 | 2025/26 | 2027/28 |
| Clanmil | Station Road Phase 2 | Dunloy | New Build | Wheelchair Standard | Rural | 1 | 2025/26 | 2027/28 |
| Radius | Circular Road | Coleraine | New Build | Active Elderly | Urban | 24 | 2025/26 | 2027/28 |
| Radius | Circular Road | Coleraine | New Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 2 | 2025/26 | 2027/28 |
| Rural | Beech Road | Drumturn | New Build | General Needs | Rural | 2 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Rural | Woodvale Park | Bushmills | New Build | General Needs | Rural | 4 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Rural | Ramsey Park | Macosquin | New Build | General Needs | Rural | 7 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Rural | 33 and 34 Ardgarnan Cottages | Limavady | New Build | Wheelchair Standard | Rural | 1 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |

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| Triangle | Broombeg | Ballycastle | New Build | General Needs | Urban | 14 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Triangle | Ramoan Road | Ballycastle | New Build | General Needs | Urban | 6 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Triangle | Ramoan Road | Ballycastle | New Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 1 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Triangle | Church Road | Rasharkin | New Build | General Needs | Rural | 10 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Triangle | Edenmore Road Phase 2 | Limavady | Competitive Land Design & Build | General Needs | Urban | 24 | 2025/26 | 2027/28 |
| Triangle | Knock Road | Ballymoney | Competitive Land Design & Build | General Needs | Urban | 29 | 2025/26 | 2027/28 |
| Triangle | Knock Road | Ballymoney | Competitive Land Design & Build | Active Elderly | Urban | 14 | 2025/26 | 2027/28 |
| Triangle | Knock Road | Ballymoney | Competitive Land Design & Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 4 | 2025/26 | 2027/28 |
| Triangle | Gorteen | Limavady | Planning Gain | General Needs | Urban | 8 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Woven | Parker Avenue | Portrush | New Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 1 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Woven | Glenmanus Road | Portrush | New Build | General Needs | Urban | 2 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Woven | Glenmanus Road | Portrush | New Build | Active Elderly | Urban | 10 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Woven | Glenmanus Road | Portrush | New Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 2 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Woven | 22 Glenmanus Village | Portrush | New Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 1 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 |
| Woven | Glenmanus Phase 2 | Portrush | New Build | General Needs | Urban | 16 | 2025/26 | 2027/28 |
| Woven | Glenmanus Phase 2 | Portrush | New Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 1 | 2025/26 | 2027/28 |
| Woven | Ballyquinn Road / Main Street | Dungiven | Competitive Land Design & Build | General Needs | Rural | 22 | 2025/26 | 2028/29 |

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| Woven | Ballyquinn Road / Main Street | Dungiven | Competitive Land Design & Build | Wheelchair Standard | Rural | 3 | 2025/26 | 2028/29 |
| Woven | Ballyquinn Road / Main Street | Dungiven | Competitive Land Design & Build | Active Elderly | Rural | 6 | 2025/26 | 2028/29 |
| Arbour | Irish Green Street | Limavady | New Build | General Needs | Urban | 6 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 |
| Arbour | Irish Green Street | Limavady | New Build | Active Elderly | Urban | 13 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 |
| Arbour | Irish Green Street | Limavady | New Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 4 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 |
| Arbour | Windyhall | Coleraine | New Build | General Needs | Urban | 4 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 |
| Arbour | Windyhall | Coleraine | New Build | Active Elderly | Urban | 2 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 |
| Ark | Rochester Court | Coleraine | New Build | General Needs | Urban | 16 | 2026/27 | 2028/29 |
| Clanmil | New Market Street | Coleraine | New Build | General Needs | Urban | 32 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 |
| Clanmil | New Market Street | Coleraine | New Build | Wheelchair Standard | Urban | 4 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 |
| Woven | Burn Road Phase 2 | Coleraine | Planning Gain | General Needs | Urban | 16 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 |
| Woven | Ramoan Gardens | Ballycastle | Reimprovement | General Needs | Urban | 1 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 |
| Arbour | Bridge Street / Main Street | Garvagh | New Build | General Needs | Rural | 16 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 |
| Choice | Drumadoon Road | Cloughmills | New Build | General Needs | Rural | 13 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 |