

Title of Report:	Correspondence Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	11th November 2025
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with Government, agencies and potential strategic partners
Lead Officer	Director of Environmental 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	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes /No N/A	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes /No N/A	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes /No N/A	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes /No N/A	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes /No N/A	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes /No N/A	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

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

2.0 The following correspondence has been received:

2.1 Northern Ireland Assembly, dated 20th October 2025 (copy attached)

Summary

Re. the Use of Noise Abatement Notices under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 in circumstances involving the playing of the Lambeg Drum

Correspondence from Jon Burrows MLA, Ulster Unionist Party, North Antrim, dated 20th October 2025, includes a request that Council pauses the issuing or enforcement of any further Noise Abatement Notices specifically relating to the practice of the Lambeg Drum until guidance has been received from the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (NIHRC).

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee consider the correspondence.



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20 October 2025

Dear Chief Executive,

I am writing to inform you that we have been in correspondence with the Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (NIHRC) regarding the use of Noise Abatement Notices under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 in circumstances involving the playing of the Lambeg Drum.

Given the potential human rights implications, I have formally requested that the NIHRC provide guidance on the appropriate balance between statutory environmental powers and the protection of cultural rights in this context.

In the interim, I would respectfully request that your council pause the issuing or enforcement of any further Noise Abatement Notices specifically relating to the practice of the Lambeg Drum until guidance has been received from the NIHRC.

I will ensure that all councils are promptly informed once a response is received from the Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss it further.

Yours sincerely,
Jon

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