

Title of Report:	Correspondence Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	Leisure and Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	18 November 2025
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
For discussion In Committee	NO

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Healthy and Engaged Communities
Outcome	
Lead Officer	Director of Leisure & Development

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	n/a
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	n/a
Code	n/a
Staffing Costs	n/a

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	N/A

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	N/A
Legal Opinion Obtained	N/A

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:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

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

2.0 The following items are listed:

2.1 Correspondence from the Committee for Communities regarding Local Councils and the Anti-Poverty Strategy (Dated 28 October 2025).

The Committee for Communities are inviting Local Councils to attend a meeting to discuss their response to the draft Anti-Poverty Strategy.

2.2 Correspondence from the Commonwealth Games Northern Ireland relating to their Fundraising Campaign (Dated 05 November 2025)

Commonwealth Games NI are seeking financial support to assist with athlete preparation and delivery of TeamNI at the Games in Glasgow in summer 2026.

3.0 Recommendation

The Leisure & Development Committee are asked to consider the requests contained within the correspondence.



Northern Ireland
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COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITIES

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28 October 2025
Our ref: CC/25/350

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Dear David

Local Councils and the Anti-Poverty strategy

At its meeting on 16 October 2025, considered a response from Solace NI to an invitation to brief on the draft Anti-Poverty strategy.

Members noted the detail provided in the response that Solace NI was not in a position to brief the Committee as it a voluntary network of senior local government officers and is not a decision making forum.

Following consideration of this correspondence the Committee noted it would like further information on this matter and agreed to invite each individual Council Chief Executive to ask them to attend a future meeting to discuss their Council's response to the draft strategy.

The Committee has previously noted responses received in May and June 2025 from individual councils asking if they have anti-poverty strategies of their own in place.

The Committee would be grateful for a response at your earliest convenience to indicate if you would be able to attend a future meeting.

Yours sincerely

Emer Boyle

Clerk to the Committee for Communities



Ms Pat Mulvenna
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5th November 2025

Dear Pat

As part of our fundraising campaign for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, we are reaching out seeking financial support from the Northern Ireland business community and our local authorities. All funds raised go directly towards athlete preparation and the delivery of TeamNI at the Games next summer.

TeamNI is made up of athletes, coaches, practitioners, and support staff from across Northern Ireland. It reflects all sections of our society, bringing people together to participate internationally as One Team – One Community.

I have attached an Information Pack which provides some ideas of how a relationship with TeamNI can support the Council's objectives within both community based physical activities and high-performance sport.

Recognising the significance of working with local government we are pleased to provide a 50% discount from the commercial rate and can therefore offer a top-tier Partnership for £10,000, or a Supporter option at £5000. Both options would run until March 2027. This could be either invoiced as sponsorship or the Council may deem it appropriate to award a grant to CGNI. If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Conal Heatley", written over a dotted line.

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