

**To: Council Meeting Date: 26 July 2016**

**Correspondence report**

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| **1.** | **Disabled Parking Bay Outside Mathewson Chemist, 51-53 Queen Street, Ballymoney** |  |
|  | Transport NI are considering the provision of a disabled parking space at the above location. It is also proposed to introduce a time limit of 3 hours with no return within 1 hour. This will result in turnover of the bay and ensure that the bay is available throughout the day for all blue badge holders.  |  |
| **2.** | **Equality Scheme Consultation Arrangements** |  |
|  | The Equality Commission consulted from 7 March to 9 May on proposed consultation arrangements and will shorty publish a report on the comments received and the outcome of the consultation. The attached letter sets out in brief the findings from the consultation.  |  |
| **3.** | **Annual Report of the Assembly Ombudsman/Commissioner for Complaints (AOCC) for the 2015-16 year** |  |
|  | This report contains information and case summaries to illustrate the work of AOCC. It marks the end of an era since, as a result of the Public Services Ombudsman (Northern Ireland) Act 2016 (‘the 2016 Act’), the AOCC ceased on 31 March 2016, after almost 47 years in existence.  However as the Annual Report explains, under the 2016 Act the functions of AOCC, as well as a range of new powers and jurisdictions has been taken on by the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman (NIPSO).  The Annual Report can be viewed via the following link: <https://nipso.org.uk/site/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Ombudsmans-Annual-Report-2015-16-for-web-publication.pdf>  |  |
| **4.** | **Somme/Guillemont Tour 2016**  |  |
|  | The Somme Association have forwarded a provisional itinerary (subject to change) for the Somme/Guillemont Tour 2016, being held 1st – 5th September 2016. The estimated price is £620 per person and included flights from Belfast to London, coach travel and ferry crossings.  |  |
| **5.** | **Letter from Buckingham Palace** |  |
|  | The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh has thanked The Mayor and Deputy Mayor in making their visit to the Borough such a success and being given the opportunity to meet with Quigg family, the Royal Portrush Golf Club and all members of the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.  |  |