

To: Corporate Policy & Resources Committee

Date: 16th February 2016

Correspondence report

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For Decision

1. 'Friends of the Somme' Yearly Subscription 2015 – The Somme Association

A letter has been received from The Somme Association regarding the Council's yearly subscription to the association. The fee is £780.00 incl. VAT.

Committee is asked to consider the request from The Somme Association and make a recommendation to Council.

2. AgendaNI – Public Procurement: Navigating the Changing Procurement Landscape

An invitation has been received from agendaNI inviting Elected Members to the Public Procurement: Navigating the Changing Procurement Landscape conference, to be held in Baby Grand, Belfast on Thursday 3rd March 2016. (Cost of which is £175 plus VAT).

The conference will examine the key issues of:

- navigating the EU Public Procurement Directives
- the changing legal framework for public procurement
- collaborative procurement across the public sector
- socially responsible public procurement
- smart procurement to support economic growth
- optimising technology-enabled procurement reform
- procurement across health and education organisations
- improving access for SMEs and small businesses
- Best practice in procurement: case studies from outside Northern Ireland

Committee is asked to note the invitation from agendaNI.