

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

To: Council Meeting

Date: 25th August 2015

Correspondence report

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1. House of Lords Select Committee on Social Mobility: Call for Evidence

The House of Lords Select Committee on Social Mobility has now published its call for evidence. The Committee, appointed to investigate the transition from school to work for young people, is investigating the complex choices young people are faced with when considering career options.

- <http://www.parliament.uk/social-mobility/news-parliament-2015/smc-call-for-evidence/>

The deadline for receipt of evidence is **14 September 2015**.

2. NILGA, dated 30th July 2015

Following consideration by NILGA including elected members participating in the Association's Rural Development Working Group, NILGA has written to request that Council consider the attached proposal (copy attached).

3. Translink, New Bus and Rail Service Timetables

Earlier this year Translink held extensive consultation to better understand what was most important to passengers before making any decisions. The outcome of this process had been put on hold for 3 months to allow additional time for discussion between Translink, Unite Trade Union and the Minister for Regional Development. Translink now has agreement and are working to implement the service changes as follows:

Rail Service Changes with effect from 30 August
Bus Service Changes with effect from 1st September

- www.translink.co.uk/newtimetables

Mr David Jackson
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30th July 2015

Dear David,

I am writing to you regarding the growing fragility of the local dairy and related milk production industry, worth £1 billion to NI's economy.

Following consideration by NILGA, including elected members participating in the Association's Rural Development Working Group, it has been requested that we write to all NI's Councils so that each may consider the following proposal.

“This council supports all creative, political and practical efforts to sustain the 3,000 + jobs, community well being and over £1 billion economic gain provided by the Dairy Farm and Milk Production industry. We support the development of dynamic research to consider the viability of intervention:

- (i) Legislative regulation of retailers for milk supplier and consumer protection such as that which prevails in other EU nations, and**
- (ii) Price banding to provide commodity security for dairy farms together with the fair and transparent transfer of any resulting benefits to farmers.”**

I look forward to your Council's response as soon as possible in view of the all Council, socio- economic importance of this matter.

NILGA's Rural Development Working Group will convene in August and take cognisance of the views of all responding local authorities.

Yours sincerely,



Derek McCallan
Chief Executive

CC. Cllr Mrs Michelle Knight-McQuillan, Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

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