



Correspondence Report For Information	12 April 2017
Corporate Policy and Resources Committee	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with Government, agencies and potential strategic partners
Lead Officer	Director of Performance
Cost: (If applicable)	Nil

1	Department for Communities - Councillor Allowances Rates & Guidance Circular	Correspondence
	<p>Correspondence received dated 4 April 2017 to advise of proposed changes to the guidance on councillor allowances.</p> <p>The revised guidance will be issued once the Local Government (Payment to Councillors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 are made. Currently the process to make the regulations is delayed as there is no Departmental Committees and no Executive due to discussions that are currently ongoing.</p> <p>The circular outlines the proposed changes in the guidance and the regulations.</p>	 Letter to Chief Executives and Final
2	Department for Communities – Further Reduced Requirement, Councils contribution to the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman	
	<p>Correspondence received from Department for Communities dated and received on 4 April 2017.</p> <p>Correspondence received on 9 January 2017 advised of a reduced requirement by Council to fund the operation of the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman. The Department for Communities now advise that as a result of a further reduced requirement, Council is due to receive a second refund of £13,171.</p>	 Transferred Functions Grant 201