

<b>Title of Report:</b>  <b>Responses to Motions</b>	<b>Officer Presenting:</b> <b>Chief Executive</b>  <b>Author:</b> <b>Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer</b>
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## 1.0 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

1.1 To advise Members of correspondence received in relation to Motions passed by Council.

## 2 Correspondence Received

### 2.0.1 Motion – Border Removal

At the Meeting of Council held on 22 November 2018 the following Motion was passed:

I call upon this Council to write to the British and Irish Governments as co-guarantors of the Good Friday Agreement that come the 29 March 2019 that if there is a 'No Deal' Brexit then the terms of the Good Friday Agreement in relation to a Unity Referendum/Border Poll should be implemented in both jurisdictions. This Council asserts that the border is this district's main cause of high deprivation, high unemployment and poor health and housing. This Council is confident that once the border is gone and partition is ended that many advancements will be made in economic, health and social issues as well as allowing for the ending of community divisions within this district.

2.0.2 The following responses were received:

Office of the Taoiseach– (attached as Appendix 1)  
Office of the Tánaiste, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade (Appendix 2)  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union  
(Appendix 3)

### 2.1.1 Motion – Community Pharmacy Network

At the Meeting of Council held on 22 November 2018 the following Motion was passed:

This Council notes that the Community Pharmacy network in NI delivers community-based healthcare services and promotes well-being, with around 123,000 people visiting a community pharmacy every day.

This Council further notes that in 2015 a report was commissioned by the Department of Health and carried out by Pricewaterhouse Coopers for the financial year 2011/12. That report verified that the total HSC cost of running the community pharmacy service in NI is in the region of £130 million - £136 million annually. Despite this, the community pharmacy network remains underfunded by at least £20million per year.

This Council will write to the Secretary of State and the Permanent Secretary in the Department of Health urging that the Department ; Opens further discussions with the representative body Community Pharmacy NI; Urgently introduces an interim rescue package; Introduce changes to the payment arrangements for Chemists to address the issue of 'dispensing at a loss'; Ensures sufficient funding is maintained across the network including rural areas; Delivers a new community pharmacy contract as a matter of urgency.

Finally, this Council will write to the other 10 Councils across N.I. asking them to support this resolution.'

2.1.2 The following responses were received:

Permanent Secretary, Department for Health (Appendix 4).

Democratic Services Officer, Belfast City Council (Appendix 5).

Chief Executive, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (Appendix 6).

### 3.0 Recommendation

3.1 Members are to consider the replies received and advise if any follow up action is required.