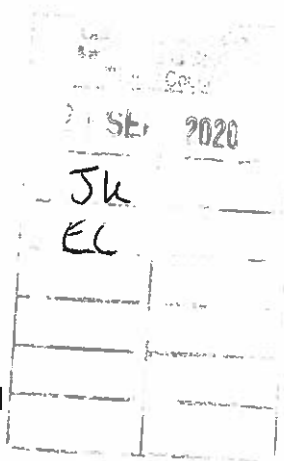


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16 September 2020

Mr John Kelpie, Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
Derry
BT48 7NN



Dear Mr Kelpie

I am writing about the plans to close Bennet House, Portrush which was discussed at the August 2020 meeting of Ards and North Down Borough Council's Corporate Services Committee with their decision subsequently ratified at Council.

It was agreed that Council write to the Royal British Legion insisting that the Council could not accept its decision to close the facility at Portrush (copy letter attached). It was also agreed that the Council write to the other Councils in Northern Ireland attaching that letter to canvass support for them to do similarly.

I would welcome your positive response to this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Reid'.

S REID
Chief Executive

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**Ards and
North Down**
Borough Council

11 September 2020

Mr Charles Byrne
Director General
The Royal British Legion
Haigh House
199 Borough High Street
London
SE1 1AA

Dear Mr Byrne

I am writing after my original letter to you of 10 March 2020 about the plans to close Bennet House, Portrush and your subsequent reply of 25 March 2020 which was discussed at the August 2020 meeting of Ards and North Down Borough Council's Corporate Services Committee with their decision subsequently ratified at Council.

It was agreed that Council write to the Royal British Legion insisting that the Council could not accept its decision to close the facility at Portrush.

I would welcome your positive response to this matter.

Yours sincerely

S REID
Chief Executive