



Subject:	Correspondence from Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Mr Edwin Poots, MLA, re Clean Air Strategy
Date:	11th October, 2022
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To note the correspondence received from the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs re Clean Air Strategy.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Note the correspondence as set out in the report.

3.0	Main report
	<p data-bbox="272 226 421 255"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 327 1471 456">3.1 The Committee will recall that, at its meeting on 9th August, 2022, it agreed to write to the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to seek an update on the overall position on development of Northern Ireland’s first Clean Air Strategy.</p> <p data-bbox="165 528 1471 757">3.2 In his response the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs reported that work continues to progress well in the development of the Clean Air Strategy and his Department has published the synopsis of consultation responses to the Clean Air Strategy Discussion Document in June 2022. A copy of this is available to view on their website https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/clean_air_strategy_discussion_document</p> <p data-bbox="165 828 1471 1115">3.3 He advised that in most recent months a Clean Air Strategy Inter Departmental Steering Group had been established comprising of officials from DAERA, Department for Infrastructure, Department for the Economy and the Department for Health. He recognised that other Departments and stakeholders may need to be involved depending on the final agreed scope of the strategy however, the group will in the interim continue to meet regularly over the coming months to agree input to the overall Clean Air Strategy.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1187 1471 1263">3.4 A public consultation on the draft Northern Ireland Clean Air Strategy is planned for the end of December 2022 with results and progression ratified by the Northern Ireland Executive.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1335 751 1364"><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1435 703 1464">3.5 None associated with this report.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1536 1134 1565"><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1637 703 1666">3.6 None associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Response from Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.