



Subject:	Response from Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs re Avian Influenza Waterworks Park
Date:	8th March, 2022
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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To note the correspondence received from Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs regarding the Avian Influenza at Waterworks Park.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the correspondence as set out in the report.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Committee will recall that, at its meeting on 8th February, 2021, it had considered and discussed the recent outbreak of Avian Influenza, specifically the outbreak at the Waterworks Park.
3.2	The Committee had written to the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to highlight and express concern at the delay in providing assistance and advice to the Council

	and also to seek clarity as to what agency was responsible for the welfare of wildlife should further outbreaks occur.
3.3	Accordingly, a response has been received from the Minister. (Appendix 1)
3.4	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> None associated with this report.
3.5	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Response from Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs