



Subject:	<b>Installation of a Statue in Remembrance of Frederick Douglass – Response from the Minister for Communities</b>
Date:	23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2020
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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues</b>
	To consider a response from the Minister for Communities in relation to a request for the installation in Rosemary Street of a statue in remembrance of Frederick Douglass, a slavery abolitionist.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
	The Committee is asked to consider the response and take such action there on as may be determined.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>

	<p>The Committee will recall that, at its meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July, it had agreed that a letter be forwarded to the Department for Communities requesting it to consider the installation in Rosemary Street of a statue in remembrance of Frederick Douglass, a slavery abolitionist.</p> <p>A response has now been received from the Minister (copy attached).</p> <p>In her response, the Minister has indicated that she would be content for her Department to partner with the Council to deliver the proposal.</p> <p>She has also indicated that, if the Council was willing to lead the project and establish a steering group, to include other key stakeholders, such as the Department for Infrastructure, the Department for Communities and the Arts Council, to progress this piece of public art, her Department could provide part funding for the project and participate on the steering group.</p> <p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Document Attached</b>
	Copy of response from the Minister for Communities.