



<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Conference Report</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>26 September 2023</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>FOR DECISION</b>
<b>To be discussed In Committee</b>	<b>No</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership
Outcome	Council operates as one effective and efficient corporate unit with a common purpose and culture
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	
Included in Current Year Estimates	<b>YES/NO</b>
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

<b>Legal Considerations</b>	
Input of Legal Services Required	<b>YES/NO</b>
Legal Opinion Obtained	<b>YES/NO</b>

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
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Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
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## **1.0 Purpose of report**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform Elected Members of conferences and courses they may wish to attend.

**2.0** The following is listed:

### **2.1 NILGA – Audit Committee training**

Date: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 12.30 – 2pm

Venue: Digital/Online

Delegate Fee: Free

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2.6 Hosted by NILGA with support from the LGTG (Local Government Training Group), these FREE events are open to all Elected Members.

2.7 Interested members should contact Fiona Douglas: [f.douglas@nilga.org](mailto:f.douglas@nilga.org)

## **4.0 Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that Council consider the Conference report.

# Calling all Audit Committee Councillors

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