

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>CONFERENCES / COURSES</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>6 October 2020</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Information</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with Government, agencies and potential strategic partners
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	N/A
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	N/A
Staffing Costs	N/A

<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:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

## **1. Purpose of report**

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

## **2. The following are listed:**

### **2.1 Code of Conduct Awareness Session for Councillors Facilitated by The Local Government Commissioner for Standards (NILGA)**

7 October 2020 2pm-4pm, online.

### **2.2 Environmental Impact Assessment Essentials – What Councillors Need To Know (NILGA)**

15 October 2020 10am-12.30pm online.

Elected Members wishing to attend should register with Democratic Services.

## **3. Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that Council note the Conferences / Courses schedule.



Northern Ireland

**Local Government**  
Commissioner for Standards

## ***Code of Conduct Awareness Sessions for Councillors Facilitated by the Local Government Commissioner for Standards***

***Zoom—Online  
7th October 2020, 2.00-4.00pm***

Representatives of the Local Government Commissioner for Standards will discuss how they deal with allegations that councillors have breached the Code of Conduct. They will outline a councillors responsibilities under the Code and explain in practical terms how councillors can maintain compliance. Case studies will be used to illustrate a number of points and help understanding.

A question and answer session will follow. Please note, staff from the Commissioner's Office cannot at any time discuss individual cases.

***Hosted by NILGA with support from the LGTG  
(Local Government Training Group), this session is open to all  
Elected Members, officers and interested stakeholders. The session  
will be delivered online via zoom, details will be provided to all  
registered delegates. To register please email [f.douglas@nilga.org](mailto:f.douglas@nilga.org).***

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# ***Environmental Impact Assessment Essentials—What Councillors Need to Know***

***Online—Zoom  
15th October 2020, 10.00-12.30pm***

Environmental Impact Assessment expert Josh Fothergill, with over 15 years experience, will deliver an awareness and compliance based session for Elected Members which will cover the following:

- Environmental Impact Assessment—What is it?
- Risks and opportunities to environment from development
- Ensuring compliance and enhancing practice
- Avoiding the Courts—why planning compliance is not enough
- Role of Elected Members in delivering sustainable development
- Working with council planning officers to get it right
- Reputational Enhancement.

The delivery of this session will be interactive and interesting for councillors, allowing them to learn by asking questions regularly and through some tasks. Learning and discussions will be relevant to the councillor's unique role and participation on this workshop will aim to improve understanding of what environmental assessment is, why it's important, how to do it and what support is available.

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