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| Title of Report: | Elected Members Conference Report |
| Committee Report Submitted To: | Council Meeting |
| Date of Meeting: | 5 November 2019 |
| For Decision or For Information | INFORMATION |

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| Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23) | |
| Strategic Theme | Leader and Champion |
| Outcome | Provide Civic Leadership |
| Lead Officer | Director of Corporate Services |

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| Budgetary Considerations | |
| Cost of Proposal Costs to be met, as detailed below, from Conference Budget (£8,000 allocated proportionally) £200 per Councillor | |
| Included in Current Year Estimates | YES/NO |
| Capital/Revenue | |
| Code | |
| Staffing Costs | |

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| Screening Requirements | 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

To inform Councillors about conferences that they may wish to attend.

2. The following is listed for consideration:

2.1 NAC Conference & National AGM – Addressing Family Poverty and Children’s Services

The National Association of Councillors are holding their AGM & Annual Conference, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in the beautiful city of Chester.

The subject for this year’s event was agreed at a recent National Management Meeting. Due to the current relevance and impact on society it was felt it needed to be brought to the table sooner rather than later.

Speakers from Parliament, Local Authorities and the private sector have been invited to speak about this important subject.

Venue: The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Chester

Date: 22-24 November 2019

Cost: Delegate Fees £350 plus VAT

Accommodation is available for delegates at the Conference Hotel at the special NAC Delegate rate of £60 plus VAT per night.

2.2 NILGA Annual Conference, Exhibition & Gala Awards Dinner 2020

The theme for the conference is ***“The Future of Local Government”***. The conference will emphasise the key role Councils’ play in supporting and driving healthy communities and the NI economy. Councils are increasingly at the forefront of the enterprise, health, regeneration and investment landscape of Northern Ireland.

Working in partnership with SOLACE, sponsors and Councils NILGA welcomes the attendance of Councillors and Officers from the 11 Councils at this, the main learning networking and recognition event of the Council calendar year.

NILGA are offering two free places to each Council to attend, with additional, competitively priced tickets to Support Council and Officer attendance from across each Council.

Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast
Date: 20 February 2020
Cost: FREE for two Elected Members
Conference Only - £99 (+VAT)
Conference & Local Government Awards Dinner £145 (+VAT)
Local Government Awards Dinner Only £60 (+VAT)

3. Recommendation

Members wishing to attend the above conferences should contact Democratic Services.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS

Addressing Family Poverty/ Children's Services & National AGM

The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Chester

22nd-24th November 2019

Delegate Booking Form

Name of Delegate.....

Organisation

Delegate's Email

Telephone Number.....

Authorising Signature.....Order No if reqd.....

Printed Name.....

Position.....Organisation.....

INVOICE, email address for invoice.....

To Register – Complete the delegate details above, and either:-Email a copy of this form to Cllr Brian Nelson
Generalsecretary@nationalassociationofcouncillors.org

or Post form to NAC Bookings, 16 Frederick St North, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 7NB

Delegate Fees: £350 plus VAT – Metropolitan, County, Unitary, Borough & District Councils

£295 plus VAT - Town, Parish and Community Councils

Accommodation is available for delegates at the Conference Hotel at the special NAC Conference Delegate rate of £60 plus VAT per night. The accommodation fee is payable by delegate on departure from the hotel unless otherwise indicated on the booking form.

Delegate Accommodation Friday & Saturdays nights YES / NO

Local Authority to be billed direct for accommodation YES / NO

Please note that double and family rooms are also available (prices available on request)

Booking Condition: Please note that a charge is payable on any bookings cancelled. These charges will be kept to a minimum and will be in accordance with cost incurred by the NAC.

Mr David Jackson
Chief Executive
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**'THE FUTURE
OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT'**

Crowne Plaza, Belfast
Thursday 20th February 2020



21st October 2019

NILGA CONFERENCE - DIARY DATE

THE LEARNING, NETWORKING AND RECOGNITION EVENT OF THE COUNCIL YEAR

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE, EXHIBITION & GALA AWARDS DINNER
20th FEBRUARY 2020, CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, BELFAST**

Dear David,

The 2020 NILGA Annual Conference, Exhibition and Gala Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday 20th February 2020 in the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

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Working in partnership with SOLACE, sponsors and councils we welcome the attendance of councillors and officers from the 11 councils at this, the main learning, networking and recognition event of the council calendar year.

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***** TWO FREE PLACES FOR EACH COUNCIL *****

ALL ADDITIONAL PLACES CHARGED AT THE FOLLOWING RATES
CONFERENCE ONLY - ONLY £99 (+VAT)
CONFERENCE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS DINNER £145 (+VAT)
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS DINNER ONLY £60 (+VAT)
(please see attached booking form)

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mark Maher, Communication and Engagement Officer at the NILGA office. We are looking forward to a great event!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Derek McCallan', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Derek McCallan, CEO, NILGA

Enc. NILGA conference booking form, outline draft conference agenda.



Annual Conference & Exhibition 2020

‘THE FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT’

Crowne Plaza, Belfast
Thursday 20th February 2020

NILGA CONFERENCE 2020 - **DRAFT AGENDA**

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| 8.30 | Registration and Networking |
| 9.30 | Civic Welcome by the Host Council's First Citizen <i>Lord Mayor, Cllr John Finucane, Belfast City Council (Invited)</i> |
| 9.35 | Political Keynote Addresses: National / Regional Government <i>NI Secretary of State (Invited)</i> <i>Ministerial representative, Department of the Taoiseach (Invited)</i> |
| 9.55 | NILGA & SOLACE Response / Address <i>NILGA President, Cllr Frances Burton, Mid Ulster District Council</i> <i>SOLACE Chair, David Jackson, CEO, Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council</i> |

SESSION 1**OUR FUTURE ROLES: LOCAL LEADERSHIP****STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY – WHAT'S TO COME FOR COUNCILS?**

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| 10.10 | Panel Debate & Interactive Session on: <i>Devolution / Powers & Resources of Councils / Dealing with Uncertainty & Instability / Community Led Service Design / Leadership, Skills & Performance</i> |
| 10.50 | <i>NILGA & SOLACE – Key Messages and Resolutions from Debate</i> |
| 11.00 | Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors |

SESSION 2**OUR FUTURE ENVIRONMENT: CLIMATE, COUNCILS AND COMMUNITIES**

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| 11.35 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Climate Emergency - What is the role of local council frontline services?</i> • <i>Future of Waste & Recycling</i> • <i>Sustainable infrastructure</i> • <i>Sustainable Transport</i> |
| 12.10 | <i>Q&A Audience & Panel Debate to include NILGA & SOLACE</i> |
| 12.40 | Lunch / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors |

SESSION 3 – DELIVERED BY SOLACE**OUR FUTURE PLANNING: COUNCILS DRIVING TOMORROW'S COMMUNITY TODAY**

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| 14.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Planning – Building the Future while protecting the past</i> • <i>Planning our infrastructure</i> • <i>Place Shaping, The High Street, A Community Space</i> |
| 14.35 | <i>Policy Remarks – SOLACE and Q&A Audience & Panel Debate</i> |
| 15.00 | Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors |

SESSION 4**OUR FUTURE ECONOMY: PEOPLE & TECHNOLOGY IN CONCERT**

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| 15.30 | The 4th Industrial Revolution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Artificial Intelligence – reshaping local government services</i> • <i>Propelling world class firms</i> |
| 16.10 | <i>Q&A Audience & Panel Debate to include NILGA & SOLACE</i> |
| 16.40 | Closing Keynote – Transforming Northern Ireland An economy that works for everyone |
| 17.00 | Conference Sponsor & NILGA Delegates Prize Draw – Close |

NI Local Government Gala Awards - Commence 7.00pm – Dinner served from 8.00pm

**Northern Ireland Local Government Association
Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB**

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