

Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

To: Corporate Policy and Resources Committee

**Developing a Programme for Local Government
2016-2020**

20th October 2015

For Decision

Linkage to Corporate Plan	
Strategic Priority	Leader and Champion
Objective	Establish key relationships
Lead Officer	Moira Quinn
Cost: (If applicable)	Not applicable

1.0 DEVELOPING A PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT

1.1 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

NILGA has forwarded its Programme for Local Government consultation for Council's consideration (copy attached). It is seeking responses by 31st December which it will collate and circulate to councils before finalising.

NILGA points out that the consultation exercise is aligned to and ideally should complement the development of the next NI Executive Programme for Government, but is not dependent upon it nor the governance and functions of the NI Assembly.

In relation to strengthening local government you will note discussion should include the consideration of potential enhanced responsibilities by way of functions not currently exercised by local government in Northern Ireland. A number of other specific "asks" are also put forward.

As various issues included impact on service areas across Council, largely falling within Leisure and Development and Environmental Services directorates the Directors have been invited to submit comments to facilitate the preparation of draft comments for consideration by SMT in October.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Committee consider the draft response at its November meeting and agree comments for submission to NILGA.