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| **ELECTED MEMBERS’ CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE** | **21 March 2017** |
| **CORPORATE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE****For Information**  |

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| **Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)** |
| **Strategic Theme** | Leader and Champion |
| **Outcome** | Provide civic leadership |
| **Lead Officer** | Director of Performance |
| **Cost:** (If applicable) | Costs to be met, as detailed below, from Conference Budget (£8,000 allocated proportionally) £200 per Councillor |

**1. Purpose of report**To inform Councillors about conferences that they may wish to attend.

**2.** The following are listed for consideration:

**2.1 NILGA – ‘Foundations for Innovation’; Towards Digital Local Government**NILGA will be holding a conference ***“Foundations for Innovation; Towards Digital Local Government”*** on 25th April 2017 at Craigavon Civic centre, with the purpose of considering the transformation challenges for our 11 councils, and how to maximise the opportunities of digital technology, innovation and collaboration, to deliver better services for our ratepayers.

It is intended that this conference will be solely for local government members and officers, and will be of interest to a wide range of people across the sector, particularly those who are interested in transforming service delivery, developing the digital economy, information management, collaborative working and improving efficiency.

Participation is confirmed by NESTA, Department of Finance, Limerick County Council, Department of Economy, NIHE, and further speakers being sourced from Peterborough DNA, LGA Innovation Board, Greater Manchester, and a number of other councils. A draft agenda is attached, but is still subject to some change.
Cost: Free of charge
*NILGA Full Members will automatically be registered for the event.*



**3. Recommendation**

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