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| **ELECTED MEMBERS’ CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE** | **24th May 2016** |
| **COUNCIL MEETING** |

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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)  |

**1. Purpose of report**

 To seek approval for Member attendance at the conferences listed.

**2. Background**

The details on conferences have been received for consideration in regard to representation/attendance from Council.

**3. Approval for attendance and costs**

 The following are listed for consideration:

**3.1** **NILGA, Local Government Annual Conference & Exhibition 5/6 October 2016, Hastings Everglades Hotel, Derry/Londonderry**

**Details**

In the first few months of a New Executive, Councils must be a material part of the Programme for Government, the conference covers this and other critical learning for local government in a new era.

 **Costs**

6th October (full day seminar) - NILGA are offering two free places at the conference for Council’s ‘First Citizen’ and a ‘senior council representative’

Additional Delegate £121 + VAT Single B&B rate £60pp

 5th October (evening networking event) - Each council will also be allocated two guest places at the evening celebration event, places are limited, no additional tickets are available.

**3.2** **Policy Forum for NI Keynote Seminar, Housing in NI: meeting market demand and reforming the social housing sector, morning of 14th September 2016, Belfast**

**Details**

Addressing key challenges for both the public and private housing sectors in NI as the Assembly begins its new Mandate.

**Costs**

Delegate £210 + VAT

**4. Recommendation**

Council is asked to approve attendance and representation at the conferences listed.

**5. List of documents (attached electronically)**

**5.1 NILGA Local Government Annual Conference and Exhibition**



**5.2 Policy Forum for NI Keynote Seminar**

 <http://www.policyforumforni.co.uk/forums/book_event.php?eid=1241>