

Report on	Conferences, Seminars & Training
Date of Meeting	22 July 2021
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Provide an update on seminars and conferences received. To seek approval for (i) elected member attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred and, (ii) council officer approvals.
2.0	Background
2.1	Costs associated will be set against 2021-22 member Conference, Seminar and Training allocations.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Elected Members There are occasions when it is beneficial to Members to attend training, conferences and seminars to better equip them in their role as elected representatives. Approval for attendance as detailed in Appendix A to this report is sought.
3.2	Officer Approvals None
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications Financial: Costs to be set against Members 2021/222 conference/seminar/training allocation. Any costs incurred above annual allocation to be incurred by Member

	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences, seminars and training by members and council officers as required.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A Members Conferences, Seminars & Training



15 November 2021

Northern Ireland Economic Growth and Development Conference (VIRTUAL)

COST One free place allocated to Council

Additional Places £80 per person

Across Northern Ireland there will be a staggering £5bn worth of regeneration projects coming online before 2030 and the Northern Ireland Economic Growth and Development conference is the best place to hear from local authorities, developers and investors who are bringing forward major schemes across the country.

House building is at its highest rate in years and the thirst for mixed use space in city centres spanning from Belfast to Londonderry is growing at pace. Recently over £1bn has been pledged for road development and Northern Irish counties are set to benefit from hundreds of millions of pounds from the UK Community Renewal Fund. The event will cover all of the aforementioned while also highlighting scope for supply chain involvement with the opportunity to directly engage with the masterminds behind the plans.

Topics to be discussed:

- NIHE's new £455m maintenance contract
- 185-acre Titanic Quarter Masterplan
- £30 million Hamilton Dock Hotel
- £2.7m Waterloo Street Apartment Complex
- £60m Smithfield Yard regeneration
- £10m Carryduff Shopping Centre Regeneration

- Housing Executive's £7bn investment into assets
- £30 million Olympic House Project
- £7.4m New Ardilea Street Development
- 30,000 sq ft '35DP' development
- £26m North West NI investment
- £100m King's Hall Health and Wellbeing Park

Agenda and Programme:

09:30- Doors Open & Networking

09:50

Enjoy some networking time with those also attending the conference and visit the exhibitors. You'll have the ability to video chat in our networking lounge with attendees, or visit the exhibition booths.

09:50- Session One: Levelling up Northern Ireland – What are the Key Regeneration

11:00 Priorities for a Healthier, Smarter, Greener Country?; Sponsored by Public Sector PLC

Policy makers are joined by investors, developers and other major public sector stakeholders to set out the key challenges and opportunities ahead for driving inclusive economic growth through regeneration in Northern Ireland.

Chair: **Public Sector Plc**; Speaker TBC

Belfast City Council; Cathy Reynolds. Director of City Regeneration and Development

Lidl Northern Ireland; Christopher Speers, Property Executive

Benmore Group; Kevin McKay, Chairman

11:00- Networking & Exhibition

11:30

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11:05-11:25 – Breakout Session; Sponsored by VU.CITY

During the break you'll also have the option to listen to the breakout session stage – more details tbc shortly.

VU.CITY; Charlotte McCarthy, Business Development Manager

11:30- Session Two: Housing Development Plans in Northern Ireland

12:30

Thousands of new homes need to be delivered every year in the next decade with new approaches to living and working taking hold post-pandemic. This session brings together a host of developers who are tasked with creating the communities of tomorrow to talk about major residential focused schemes, solving the housing crisis and accelerating the delivery of high-quality homes.

Session Sponsor: ([Available – click for details](#))

Northern Ireland Housing Executive; Robert Clements, Sustainable Development Manager

Clanmil Housing Group; Carol McTaggart, Group Director of Development

Other speakers TBC

12:30- Networking & Exhibition

13:00 *Enjoy some networking time with those also attending the conference and visit the exhibitors. You'll have the ability to video chat in our networking lounge with attendees, or visit the exhibition booths.*

13:00- Session Three: How Do We Reimage, Reinvigorate and Repurpose North

14:00 Ireland's Cities and Towns?

Whether it be the challenges of creating thriving high streets and town centres or master planning future cities and places, billions of pounds are being spent across Northern Ireland. This session brings together the developers and strategists behind the region's most important schemes to talk about their delivery.

Session Sponsor: ([Available – click for details](#))

Chair: **Built Environment Networking;** Amanda Griffiths, Director

Titanic Quarter; James Eyre, Commercial Director

Bywater Properties; Patrick O’Gorman, Principal

Other speakers TBC

14:00- Networking, Exhibition & Close

14:30