

Report on	Conferences & Seminar – February 2018
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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 attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred.
2.0	Background
2.1	Costs associated will be set against 2017-18 member Conference and Seminar allocations.
3.0	Main Report
	The following seminar/ conference sessions are presented for consideration of representation from Mid Ulster Council.
3.1	Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Members
3.1.1	NILGA – Code of Conduct Refresher Information
	20 th February 2018 10.30am – 12.30pm Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick
	27 February 2018 12.30pm – 14.20 pm Raddison Blu Hotel, Limavady
	7 March 2018 12.30pm – 14.30pm Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown
	27 March 2018 17.30pm – 19.30pm Bangor Castle, Bangor
	No attendance fee, mileage and subsistence.
3.2	<u>Officer Approvals</u>
	There are occasions when it is beneficial to the organisation for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Approval is sought for attendance as detailed in Appendix B to this report.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u>

	Financial:
	Human:
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences/ seminars by members and council officers as required.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A Conferences & Seminar Details Appendix B Officer Approvals

Code of Conduct Refresher Information Sessions for Councillors Facilitated by the Local Government Commissioner for Standards

1. **20th February 2018, 10.30—12.30pm**
Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick
2. **27th February 2018, 12.30pm—14.30pm**
Radisson Blu Hotel, Limavady
3. **7th March 2018, 12.30—14.30pm**
Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown
4. **27th March 2018, 17.30—19.30pm**
Bangor Castle, Bangor

Members of the Local Government Commissioner for Standards will discuss how they deal with allegations that councillors have breached the Code of Conduct. They will outline a councillors responsibilities under the Code and explain in practical terms how councillors can maintain compliance. Case studies will be used to illustrate a number of points and to help understanding.

A question and answer session will follow. Please note, staff from the Commissioner's office cannot at any time discuss individual cases.

Hosted by NILGA with support from the LGTG (Local Government Training Group), these FREE events are open to all Elected Members. Councils should put forward interested councillor names to Fiona Douglas at the NILGA office by emailing f.douglas@nilga.org.

Appendix B

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
Healthy Working Lives Conference	15th March 18	1	Belfast	Free
Solace Conference	1st March 18	3 Chief Executive & 2 Directors	Belfast	£99 (member) £130 n/m