

Report on	Local Government Staff Commission: 2020-2021
Date of Meeting	Thursday 5 th March 2020
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update the committee on correspondence received from the Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC) on annual contributions payable for 2020-21. This report is for information.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC) is an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body established under the Local Government (NI) Act 1972. Members will be familiar that it exercises general oversight and makes recommendations on matters connected to recruitment, training and terms and conditions of employment of officers of council and the NI Housing Executive. Councils are obliged to make annual payment for services provided.
2.2	The NI Executive in June 2014 agreed that the Commission be wound up on 31 st March 2017 (2 years after the establishment of the new Councils i.e. Local Government Reform).
2.3	Correspondence from the Commission (appendix A) details that the Department for Communities has confirmed that a Dissolution Order to wind up the Commission has yet to be initiated and as such, council is required to make payment for 2020-21. Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act (NI) 1972 confirms that the budget for the operation of the Staff Commission is to be apportioned between all Councils and the NI Housing Executive.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Council has received an invoice for payment to the LGSC for the period 2020-21. The Council is required by statute under the Local Government Act (NI) 1972 to make this payment.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: LGSC £18,175. To be met from within council existing budgetary provision.
	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	That the committee notes request for payment from the Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC) for the period 2020-21.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Correspondence from Local Government Staff Commission