

APPENDIX A

Antony Tohill
Mid Ulster District Council
Circular Road
Dungannon

24th July 2018

Dear Mr Tohill,

The NI Strategic Migration Partnership (NISMP), hosted by NILGA, is seeking nominations to a cross-council Sustainable Communities and Demographics working group.

NISMP is a regional body which provides an advisory and coordinating role in relation to migration in Northern Ireland. Councils are represented on the board through 5 elected members on a cross-party basis and the board also comprises senior representation from NI Departments, key non-governmental organisations and the Home Office.

The Sustainable Communities and Demographics working group will be instrumental in identifying and addressing council needs and concerns relating to changing demographics and ensuring that these are understood by decision makers at both Westminster and Stormont.

In the first instance, we propose that a primary focus for the group will be to determine the impact of migration on the economic and social priorities for each council. The group will also act as a forum for sharing of good practice among members on issues such as hate crime, support services and social cohesion.

The group will comprise both officers and elected members. We would be grateful if you could nominate an officer to this group **and request council to nominate an elected member**. Ideally both nominees will have a strategic understanding of your council's economic and social priorities, be an effective communicator within the council and have an interest in the themes under discussion. If you would like any further information about NISMP or the terms of reference of the Sustainable Communities and Demographics working group, the NISMP secretariat at NILGA will be happy to either meet with you or chat by phone, at your convenience.

Best regards,



Cllr Alex Baird
Chair, NISMP