

Report on	Conferences, Seminars & Training
Date of Meeting	24 May 2018
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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 2018-19 member Conference and Seminar allocations.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The following seminar/ conference sessions are presented for consideration of representation from Mid Ulster Council.</p> <p>Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Members</p> <p>Northern Ireland Infrastructure Investment Conference 2018 at the Baby Grand, Belfast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.30am – 1.15pm on Wednesday 13th June 2018 • Delegate fee £195 + VAT @ 20% = £234 plus travel and subsistence <p>2018 NILGA Annual Conference, Exhibition and Gala Awards Dinner Theme Building Sustainable Communities, Delivering a Better Northern Ireland for Everyone”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 11th October 2018 in the Armagh City Hotel - “ • Book 2 places at the NILGA conference & gala awards dinner by 29th June 2018 & get 2 places free. All additional places at member council conference rate of only £75 (+vat), <i>conference & local government awards £125 (+vat) plus travel and subsistence.</i>
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	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial:
	Human:
	Risk Management:
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications:
	Rural Needs Implications:
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
	Appendix A Member Conferences Appendix B Officer Approvals

Infrastructure investment

Delivering 21st century infrastructure

Wednesday 13th June 2018 • Baby Grand, Belfast



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Where to next?

Infrastructure investment in Northern Ireland has been reduced from the levels seen in the 2000s. Progress needs to be made right across the spectrum to ensure future infrastructure is fit for purpose. The economic benefits of infrastructure investment are huge and there is an urgent need to develop new projects whilst adapting to a changing political environment. Brexit continues to loom over current European funding and it is uncertain where the investment will come from in the future.

2018 Year of Infrastructure

2018 is the Northern Ireland Year of Infrastructure which aims to bring together those involved in delivering infrastructure investment in Northern Ireland to discuss the way forward. Despite a drop in investment in the wake of the 2008 economic downturn, infrastructure output in Northern Ireland is currently at one of the highest levels in the past five years and has seen an increase in recent months, with output in Q3 2017 rising by 6.1% compared to the previous quarter. The Budget 2017 allocated £540 million extra for Northern Ireland infrastructure over the next four years. This is a positive move forward for infrastructure in Northern Ireland but there is much work still to be done.

The Northern Ireland Infrastructure Investment Conference will bring together key stakeholders to look at the sectoral challenges and examine the overall future direction for infrastructure. This important conference facilitates the opportunity for industry networking and interactive Q&A sessions with expert speakers.

Key issues to be discussed

- ✓ **Priorities** for future infrastructure investment
- ✓ Sectoral updates: **Health, transport, water**
- ✓ The challenge of funding **utility infrastructure** investment
- ✓ **Effective procurement** to improve project delivery
- ✓ Investment in **education** infrastructure
- ✓ **Health care** infrastructure, services and technology
- ✓ Focus on the **North West**
- ✓ **Future outlook** and delivering the next generation of infrastructure
- ✓ Working with the **construction industry**



Why attend?

- ✓ Receive an in-depth overview of key Northern Ireland infrastructure projects
- ✓ Explore future priorities for investment
- ✓ Understand what's happening across different sectors
- ✓ Network with key stakeholders
- ✓ Hear visiting and local expert speakers
- ✓ Examine the economic and social impact of infrastructure

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

0830 Registration and morning coffee

0900 Chairman's welcome and introduction

Overview

Priorities for future investment

Peter May, Permanent Secretary
Department for Infrastructure

Delivering better healthcare through better infrastructure

Health

Professor James Barlow, Centre for Health Economics and Policy Innovation
Imperial College London

Water

NI Water: Vital infrastructure
Sara Venning, CEO, NI Water

Legal

Successfully procuring and financing infrastructure projects in Northern Ireland
William Curry, Partner, **Arthur Cox**

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

1045 Morning coffee / networking break

1115

Data

Data: Better planning for infrastructure investment

Martin Spollen, Chief Investment Officer
Strategic Investment Board Limited

North West

Investing in the North West for sustainable economic growth

Paul Gosling, Financial journalist

Transport

Public transport investment in Northern Ireland

Chris Conway, Group Chief Executive, **Translink**

Procurement

Effective procurement: Working with the construction industry

Brendan Smyth, Health Projects Division Director and **Stewart Heaney**, Construction Division Director
Central Procurement Directorate

Education

Transforming education through new campus development

Brian Doran, Chief Executive
Southern Regional College

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

1315

Chairman's summary and conference close followed by networking lunch



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I wish to:

- ☐ Reserve ____ places at the Infrastructure Investment conference
Delegate fee £195 + VAT @ 20% = £234
- ☐ Receive details of upcoming conferences
- ☐ Receive the digital edition of agendaNi magazine

Delegate details

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Job title: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

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Terms and conditions

* Invoices must be paid prior to the event taking place. For delegates unable to attend, a substitute participant may be sent at any time for no additional charge. Alternatively for cancellations received in writing, by fax or email, the following charges will apply:

- More than 14 days before the conference: 25% fee
- Less than 14 days before the conference: 100% fee
- Failure to attend: 100% fee

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Who should attend?

This conference will be of interest to anyone with a stake in the future development of Northern Ireland's infrastructure, across the public and private sectors, including:

- Chief Executives / senior management teams
- Government departments and agencies
- Policy-makers and decision-takers
- Project developers / planners
- Construction companies
- The local government sector
- Elected representatives
- Procurement professionals
- Health / education / transport / energy / waste / housing sectors
- Financial and legal advisors
- Consultants (environmental / technical / project management)
- Economists
- Voluntary and community sector / NGOs

Benefits of attending

Delegates attending the Infrastructure Investment conference will:

- ✓ Receive an update on the state of Northern Ireland's infrastructure;
- ✓ Hear the future plans for investing in local infrastructure;
- ✓ Examine potential financing options for infrastructure investment;
- ✓ Discuss the social and economic impact of infrastructure investment.

Acknowledgement of registration

Confirmation of registration will be sent to all delegates, following registration details. If you have not received your acknowledgement seven days prior to the date of the conference, please contact Michelle Davidson at agendaNi to confirm your booking or email: registration@agendani.com

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**NILGA Annual Conference and Gala Awards Dinner
11th October 2018
Armagh City Hotel**

NILGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

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OPENING SESSION	
8.30 - 9.30	Registration
9.30 - 9.35	Welcome <i>Lord Mayor, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council</i>
9.35 - 9.55	Political Keynote Addresses: National / Regional Government <i>Representatives from UK and Irish Government and Members of Legislative Assembly</i>
9.55 - 10.10	NILGA & SOLACE Response/Address to conference <i>NILGA President</i>
10.10 - 10.20	From the Audience Q&A Session
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES – OUR HEALTHY PEOPLE (KAREN)	
10.20 – 10.35	Community resilience, mental health & wellbeing <i>Lisa McIlherron, Inspire</i>
10.35 – 10.50	Addressing challenges and inequalities in health and social care – council civic leadership and service provision <i>Liz Redmond, Dir. of Population Health, DoH (invited)</i>
10.50 – 11.05	Panel Discussion/Q&A session
11.05 – 11.35	Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with sponsors / exhibitors
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES - OUR ECONOMY & TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION (LISA/ KS)	
11.35 – 11.55	Carnegie – Wales Time for Towns work <i>Jen Wallace and Lauren Pennycook</i>
11.55 – 12.15	Association of Town Centre Management
12.15 - 12.30	Panel Discussion/ Q&A Session
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors
PILLAR 3 - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES - OUR ENVIRONMENT (KAREN)	
14.00 – 14.20	Mike Barry, Director Plan A, Marks and Spencer
14.20 – 14.40	Leithers don't litter? <i>Rob Hopkins, Totnes Transition Town? (invited)</i>
14.40 - 15.00	Panel Q&A Session
15.00 – 15.30	Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors
DEVOLUTION & SOLACE SESSIONS (DEREK)	
15.30 - 16.40	(1) A BETTER N IRELAND: RESPONSIBLE, RESOURCED LOCAL GOVERNMENT <i>Dr Peter Kenway, Co-founder, New Policy Institute</i> <i>Derek McCallan, Chief Executive, NILGA</i> Interactive Session on Democracy, Devolution & Improving Public Service Delivery (2) SOLACE SENIOR OFFICERS' SESSION
16.40 – 17.00	Closing Keynote <i>Neil McInroy, Progressive Economics – People and Place Matter</i>
17.00	NILGA Conference Delegates Prize Draws
Conference Close & Local Government Gala Awards Prelude	

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NILGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, EXHIBITION & GALA AWARDS DINNER
11th OCTOBER 2018. ARMAGH CITY HOTEL.
BOOKING FORM – MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT OFFER

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Please return booking forms by Friday 29TH June 2018 to: Amy McGrath, NILGA, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB or via email to a.mcgrath@nilga.org

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCLUSIVE RATE

All Day Delegate Only (Per Person): £75 + VAT

(CODE - DO)

All Day Delegate including Gala Awards Dinner (Per Person): £125 + VAT

(CODE – D&A)

Contact name of person responsible for bookings and payment: _____

Council: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ Tel: _____

I would like to register for ____ places at the NILGA Conference, Exhibition & Awards as detailed.

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL	DIETARY/ACCESS REQUIREMENTS	
				£125 + VAT
				£125 + VAT
				FREE
				FREE

ADDITIONAL PLACES					
NAME	PHONE	EMAIL	DIETARY/ACCESS REQUIREMENTS	TICKET CODE	AMOUNT

Please invoice me at the address provided for (the total amount) £_____ quoting order no. _____
OR I enclose a cheque for £_____ made payable to NILGA.

Please note that all council invoices will be issued one week after the event.
By signing the form I accept the terms and conditions as detailed below.

Authorised Signature _____ **Please Print Name** _____

Accommodation: Please contact reservations at Armagh City Hotel on 028 3751 8888 (option 1) to arrange accommodation at preferential rates quoting NILGA Conference. (£89.00 single B&B, £109.00 Double / Twin B&B & £163.50 Triple B&B). Accommodation is offered on a first come, first served basis.

Terms and Conditions: Cancellations made after the 11th September 2018 will be liable for the full delegate fee. **Substitutions:** Substitutes will only be accepted if NILGA is informed in writing two weeks prior to the conference; otherwise the full price will be charged to delegates not on the official list.

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
UK & Ireland Lakes Conference 2018	22/5/18	1	SHHP	Yes
Jaipur Literature Festival	10/6/18	1	British Library London	yes