

Report on	Conferences & Seminar – October 2017
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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 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	National Association of Councillors AGM & Conference (Glasgow) Theme Emergency Services & Emergency Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th November at The Mercure Hotel, Glasgow Cost £350+vat, accommodation, travel and subsistence
3.1.2	Level 3 Award in Developing Counselling Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JMC Counselling, Unit 23, 51 Dungannon Rd, Coalisland BT71 4HP Tuesday evenings 6-10pm October – December 2017 Cost £495 plus travel <p>Councillor N Doris to attend</p>
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	<u>Recommendation(s)</u>
5.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences/ seminars by members and council officers as required.
6.0	<u>Documents Attached & References</u>
6.1	Appendix A Conferences & Seminar Details Appendix B Officer Approvals



20/9/2017

National Association of Councillors AGM & Conference

The Mercure Hotel, Glasgow
3rd-5th November 2017

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to invite you to our Annual Conference and AGM in Glasgow City centre, the venue is The Mercure Hotel which is located in the upmarket area of Merchant City and is very close to major transport links. The hotel has excellent facilities for conference delegates.

Due to recent tragic events the subject of the conference will be Emergency Services & Emergency Planning and will feature leading figures from Emergency Services teams throughout the UK.

The NAC AGM will take place on Saturday the 4th November at 9.45AM during which we shall elect a new National Chair of the NAC please see agenda attached.

To book your places at this Conference & AGM please complete the form attached and return it to me by email or post.

Yours Faithfully

B. Nelson

Councillor Brian Nelson

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS

National AGM & Annual Conference

Emergency Services / Emergency Planning

The Mecure Hotel, Glasgow 3rd-5th November 2017

Delegate Booking Form

Name of Delegate.....

Organisation

Delegate's Email

Telephone Number.....

Authorising Signature.....Order No if reqd.....

Printed Name.....

Position.....Organisation.....

To Register – Complete the delegate details above, and either:-Email a copy of this form to Cllr Brian Nelson
Generalsecretary@nationalassociationofcouncillors.org

or Post form to NAC Bookings, 16 Frederick St North, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 7NB

Delegate Fees: £350 plus VAT – Metropolitan, County, Unitary, Borough & District Councils

£295 plus VAT - Town, Parish and Community Councils

INVOICE – please send invoice to

Accommodation is available for delegates at the Conference Hotel at the special NAC Conference Delegate rate of £60 plus VAT per night. The accommodation fee is payable by delegate on departure from the hotel unless otherwise indicated on the booking form.

Delegate Accommodation Friday & Saturdays nights YES / NO

Local Authority to be billed direct for accommodation YES / NO

Please note that double and family rooms are also available (prices available on request)

National Association of Councillors

Annual Conference & AGM

Agenda

Friday 3rd November 2017

5 – 6pm Registration

6pm Session One

Welcome by The Lord Provost of Glasgow

7.15pm Dinner

Saturday 4th November 2017

9-45am Annual General Meeting

See separate agenda

10.45am Tea/Coffee

10.30am Session 2

Dr.Brian Ward OBE, Former National Resilience Officer for
Fire & Rescue. Former advisor to National Governments.

Major Incidents and Flooding

Questions to Brian Ward

11.15am Session 3

Speaker from Glasgow Police Service

Questions

12-00 noon Session 4

Speaker from Glasgow Fire & Rescue Service

1-00pm Lunch

6-00pm Reception hosted by The NAC Chairman

7-00pm Conference Dinner

Sunday 5th November 2017

10-00am NAC Officers,

Workshops (delegates to split into groups)

Group 1. Emergency Services, working together

Group 2. Emergency Planning

Both Groups to Feedback

12-00 Noon

1-00pm End of Event.

Agenda

National Association of Councillors, AGM

4/11/17

9:45

Mercure Hotel, Glasgow

Meeting called by:

Cllr Eric Firth (Chairman)

Note taker:

Cllr Stephen Akers-Belcher (Assistant General Secretary)

Attendees:

Delegates to the NAC

Agenda topics

Chairman's Welcome Cllr Eric Firth

Apologies for Absence

Minutes of the 2016 AGM Brian Nelson

Election of Chairman for 2 years Cllr Eric Firth

(Nominations in writing from Scotland Region)

Voting on Nominations

New Chairman to be presented with the Chairman's Medal of Office

Chairman's Address New Chairman

Retiring Chairman's Address Cllr Eric Firth

Election of Vice Chairman

(Nominations in writing from Wales Region)

Voting on Nominations

The New Vice Chairman to be presented with The Vice Chairman's Medal of Office

General Secretary's Report Brian Nelson

Annual accounts Ken Wyatt

Equalities Officer's Report Christopher Akers-Belcher

Resolutions, to be given in writing 7 days before meeting. Brian Nelson

13th October 2017

Re: AIM Awards Level 3 Award in Developing Counselling Skills (Accredited at Level 3)

The Level 3 Award in Developing Counselling Skills will begin on **Tuesday October the 17th 2017**. Training will be from 6.00pm-10pm, and will be held at Unit 23, 51 Dungannon Rd, Coalisland BT71 4HP. The training is internally assessed and there are no written exams or written assignments.

This award is not only aimed at those interested in becoming professionally trained counsellors, but those who work with the community generally. This training is suitable for teachers, social workers, mental health practitioners, OH workers, probation officers, nurses, community workers or anyone who comes into contact with the general public.

Students will learn how to identify boundaries, health and safety issues, theory and skills as well as counsellor self-care. This training is a must for those who wish to enhance their portfolio of skills, and increase employment opportunities by adding valuable accredited training to your CV.

Fees are £495.00. Participants can pay a deposit of £195.00 followed by 3 monthly instalments of £100.00 beginning 18th October 2017 and ending 18th December 2017.

Successful completion of the level 3 award will gain students entry on to the Level 4 professional Diploma in Counselling which will begin immediately after this award.

To secure your place on the Level 3 Award, please forward your deposit to: JMC Counselling, 60 Cluaneo Meadows, Coalisland, BT71 5EN

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss this training further.

Warm Regards



Joseph Coney MSSc, FNCS, MBACP (Sen. Acc)
Therapist and Supervisor (Individuals)

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
Local Govt Finance under the new govt	2/11/17	1	London	£245
Digital Tech, Young People & Heritage Conference	2/11/17	1	Belfast	Free
BTO Birdwatchers Conference 2017	11/11/17	1	Craigavon	£23
Joint Delegation visit to Catapult Centres in UK (through Sth Wt College)	21/11/17	2 + Councillors	Glasgow & Coventry	£2,500 approx
Equality & Diversity Seminar	7/11/17	1	Newtownabbey	Free

Retrospective Approvals – Conferences/Seminars

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
Annual Conference for Head of Info' Systems Group (Ireland)	11/10/17	1	Dundalk	Free
Common Ground – Shared Language	16/10/17	1	Belfast	Free