

Report on	National Association of Councillors and Local Government Staff Commission
Date of Meeting	Thursday 12 th April 2018
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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) and the National Association for Councillors (NAC) on annual membership/contributions payable for 2018-19.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Council is a member of the National Association of Councillors (NAC) to which it has elected member representation. The current representatives are Cllrs McFlynn, Cuthbertson, McKinney, Molloy, J Shiels, O'Neil, Gildernew and Clarke.
2.2	The Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC) is an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body established under the Local Government (NI) Act 1972. 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.
2.3	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). The Commission has confirmed that as the NI Assembly is currently suspended it is unlikely that the necessary Dissolution Order to wind up the Commission will be in place in the near future. It is therefore required to make payment for 2018-2019.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Council has received invoices for payment to the LGSC and NAC relating to the period 2018-2019 to which it is currently a member council.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: NAC - £3,200 (2018-19) and LGSC £20,540. 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 requests for payment from the National Association of Councillors and Local Government Staff Commission for the 2018-19 period.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A – Correspondence from Chief Executive, Local Government Staff Commission