

Mr Anthony Tohill, Chief Executive
Cllr Martin Kearney, Chair
Mid Ulster District Council
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23rd January 2020

Dear Cllr Kearney and Anthony,

Pre – Consultation Notice

NILGA Strategic Consultations with Member Councils – Council Led Reform, £3.5 billion Shared Prosperity Fund for Northern Ireland, Shared Services.

As you are well aware, the fiscal challenges facing councils in Northern Ireland require collective, sector wide work as well as vigilance and forward planning in each council. So, too, does the ambition of local government to be a growing public sector and civic leader for the communities we serve.

NILGA, your 11-council owned policy, investment and development body, is keen during the financial year 2020/2021 to develop in partnership 3 specific strands of council led actions which will help to maintain and improve our public services, keep rates at prudent levels, apply new investment channels for capital developments and adopt a transformative approach to shared services across councils driven by what each and every council in local government here wants and needs to be sustainable.

Working within the Association's Policy & Learning Networks – supported by senior officers and elected members from right across the councils – an evidence and action-based approach has already been designed, with practical work plans - and a timetable for roll out - approved.

From Mid Ulster District Council's perspective, we ask that council offers corporate comment on each of the planned consultations across the 11 councils on the above matters, upon receipt of which NILGA will co-ordinate and apply the findings with each council and Solace, putting policy & practice during 2020/2021 into place.

Please look out for the sequence of 3 consultations, starting with Council Led Reform in late January 2020.

Without doubt each of the Policy actions ensuing will fulfil our collective wish to deliver high quality services at affordable costs to ratepayers, this year and throughout the electoral term.

Please convey this pre-notice (which I have copied to your NILGA Executive members) to the most appropriate Standing Committee of your council.

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With renewed thanks for your co-operation and partnership.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frances Burton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F'.

Cllr Frances Burton
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Derek McCallan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Mr Derek McCallan
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