

Report on	Conferences, Seminars & Training
Date of Meeting	26 September 2019
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Provide an update on seminars and conferences received. To seek approval for (i) elected member attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred and, (ii) council officer approvals.
2.0	Background
2.1	Costs associated will be set against 2019-20 member Conference, Seminar and Training allocations.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Elected Members There are occasions when it is beneficial to Members to attend training, conferences and seminars to better equip them in their role as elected representatives. Approval for attendance as detailed in Appendix A to this report is sought.
3.2	Officer Approvals There are occasions when it is beneficial to the council for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Approval for attendance as detailed in Appendix B to this report is sought.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications Financial: Costs to be set against Members 2019/20 conference/seminar/training allocation. Any costs incurred above annual allocation to be incurred by Member

	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	Approval for attendance at the conferences, seminars and training by members and council officers as required.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A Member Conferences, Seminars & Training Appendix B Officers Approvals

Appendix A

Member Training

Provider/Course	Date & Time	Location	Costs	Attendee Requests
NILGA Code of Conduct Training	Wednesday 2 October 6.30pm – 8.30pm	Ranfurly House, Dungannon	Travel and subsistence	Cllr Graham
NILGA - Changing Places: <i>Planning, Place-shaping and Place-making in Northern Ireland</i>	Tuesday 8 October 2019 9.30 am – 4.00 pm	Killyhevlin Hotel Enniskillen	Travel and subsistence	Cllr Burton, Glasgow, Graham, S McPeake
NILGA Code of Conduct Training	Monday 25 November 6.30pm 8.30pm	Town Hall, Bangor	Travel and subsistence	

Conferences

Provider/Course	Date & Time	Location	Costs	Attendee Requests
National Association of Councillors Northern Ireland Region (Conference AGM)	Friday 4 October 2019 at 11:00am	Glenavon House Hotel, Cookstown	Travel and subsistence	Cllr Colvin
Chartered Institute of Housing: delivering affordable homes in NI	Monday 14 October 2019	Skainos Centre, Belfast	Conference fee £150 Travel and subsistence	
Play Matters Because Play Builds Children	20th November 2019	Crowne Plaza, Belfast	Conference cost £95 plus travel and subsistence	

***Code of Conduct Awareness Sessions for Councillors
Facilitated by the Local Government
Commissioner for Standards***

***Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey
29th August 2019, 10.30-12.30pm***

***Ranfurly House, Dungannon
2nd October 2019, 6.30-8.30pm***

***Bangor Townhall
25th November 2019, 6.30-8.30pm***

Representatives of the Local Government Commissioner for Standards will discuss how they deal with allegations that councillors have breached the Code of Conduct. They will outline a councillors responsibilities under the Code and explain in practical terms how councillors can maintain compliance. Case studies will be used to illustrate a number of points and help understanding.

A question and answer session will follow. Please note, staff from the Commissioner's Office cannot at any time discuss individual cases.

***Hosted by NILGA with support from the LGTG
(Local Government Training Group), these FREE events are open to all
Elected Members. Councils should put forward names of interested
members to Amy McGrath at a.mcgrath@nilga.org.***

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DRAFT AGENDA

Changing Places: *Planning, Place-shaping and Place-making in Northern Ireland*

**8th October 2019
Killyhevlin Hotel
Enniskillen**

Draft Agenda

Changing Places: *Planning, Place-shaping and Place-making in Northern Ireland* 8th October 2019, Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen

Time	Topic	Speaker
9.30 – 10.00	Registration, tea and coffee	
10.00 – 10.05	Welcome to Enniskillen	Fermanagh & Omagh District Council
10.05 – 10.10	Welcome from NILGA and outline of the day	Cllr Steven Corr, Chairperson - NILGA Place-shaping and Infrastructure Network
10.10 – 10.40	Keynote Address Shaping NI: The role of the Department of Infrastructure in delivering well-being through regional place-shaping activity (planning policy, roads infrastructure, flood mitigation)	Katrina Godfrey Permanent Secretary DfI
10.40 – 11.10	Keynote address <i>Planning, Place shaping, Place making</i> New Civic Leadership: The power of place and the co-creation of public innovation	Prof Robin Hambleton, University of the West of England, and Urban Answers
11.10 – 11.20	<i>A place for questions....</i>	
11.20 – 11.45	Tea, coffee and networking	
	Growing Places	
11.45 – 12.00	A place to live – The future of housing in Northern Ireland	Prof Paddy Gray, Emeritus Professor of Housing - Ulster University
12.00 – 12.15	Thriving places – Local job creation and sustainability	Noelle McAloon Enniskillen BID Manager
12.15 – 12.30	Growing places? Addressing the infrastructure deficit	Sara Venning, CEO, NI Water
12.30 – 12.45	<i>A place for questions....</i>	
12.45 – 1.30	Lunch and networking	
	Green Places	
1.30 – 1.45	Enjoyable Places – Building social capital/community use of public space	Adam Turkington Seedhead Arts
1.45 – 2.00	Beautiful places – Caring for our environment	Dr Ian Humphrey Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful
2.00 – 2.15	Adaptable places – Building local resilience in a climate emergency	David Lindsay Ards and North Down Borough Council
2.15 – 2.35	Greening Places – Derry City Council Green Infrastructure Plan (video)	Dr Christine Doherty Derry City and Strabane District Council
2.35 – 2.45	<i>A place for questions...</i>	
2.45 – 3.00	Tea, coffee and networking	
	Going Places	
3.00 – 3.15	Connecting places - Transport planning	Peter Morrow Aecom
3.15 – 3.30	Connecting business – The digital infrastructure to deliver economic success	BT - <i>Invited</i>
3.30 – 3.45	Smart places – Smart cities and Innovation	Deborah Colville
3.45 – 4.00	Places to remember – Developing sustainable tourism infrastructure	David Jackson Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council
4.00 – 4.15	<i>A place for questions...</i>	
4.15 – 4.30	Conference round up and close	Derek McCallan NILGA CEO

This event is **FREE** for NI Elected Members and Officers but numbers are limited to 6 per council. We would ask all councils to confirm in advance the names of those attending. NILGA will try to accommodate all enquiries.

Completed booking forms should be returned to events@nilga.org by the 24th September 2019.

NILGA Changing Places: Planning, Place-shaping and Place-making in Northern Ireland

**8th October 2019
Killyhevlin Hotel
Enniskillen**

BOOKING FORM

PLEASE NOTE:

Places at this event are limited so early booking is recommended.

Contact name of person responsible for bookings _____

Council: _____

Email: _____

Contact telephone number: _____

Council nominations

Full Name	Position	Dietary / Special requirements

**Completed booking forms should be returned to events@nilga.org by the
24th September 2019.**

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Annual General Meeting

Date & Time: Friday 4 October 2019 at 11:00am
Venue: Glenavon House Hotel
52 Drum Road
Cookstown BT80 8JQ

Directions can be found here: <https://glenavonhotel.com/contact-directions/>

Timetable

10.00am	Registration, networking and refreshments
11:00am	Welcome and introductions to NAC UK, NILGA, LAMA & AILG
11:25am	Guest Speaker – Andrea Winders – Disruptieve.
12:05pm	Comfort break
12:15pm	AGM – Agenda below
1:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm	Meeting concludes

AGM Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of AGM 2018
3. Proposed Resolutions
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Chairman's Report
7. Stand down of Officers
8. Election of Officers
 - i. Chair
 - ii. Secretary
 - iii. Treasurer
 - iv. Senior Vice-Chair
 - v. Junior Vice-Chair
 - vi. Executive Committee – 7 other members
 - vii. Women's Representative
9. Date and location of the next Members' Meeting

Councillors wishing to attend should register by sending an email to: naoc@btconnect.com



Delivering genuinely affordable homes in Northern Ireland

Skainos Centre, Belfast • Monday 14 October

Morning chair: professor **Paddy Gray**, Ulster University

Section 1:
Defining the problem

Session includes:

- An update on government policy in this area from a senior representative from the **Department for Communities**
- Insights into the approach taken by the **Affordable Housing Commission** from the Commission secretary, **Paul Hackett**
- A Q&A session

Section 2:
Setting a baseline

Session includes:

- Contribution from **Joe Frey**, UK **Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence** (CaCHE) and **Dr Martina McAuley**, **Housing Rights** with the launch of CaCHE supported research on Local Housing Allowance rates in Northern Ireland
- An update from **Eileen Patterson**, **Chartered Institute of Housing NI** on CIH's Rethinking Social Housing project
- Discussion about the affordability issues in the owner occupied housing sector from **Co-ownership**
- A panel discussion including representatives from the **Equality Commission for Northern Ireland** and the **Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission**

Afternoon chair: **Gráinne Walsh**, Housing Rights

Section 3:
Approaches elsewhere

Session includes:

- Insight from **Steve Stride** into the approach taken by **Poplar HARCA** in London
- An update on the **Wheatley Group's** experience of Midmarket Rent from **Tom Barclay**
- A Q&A session

Section 4:
Adapting an NI specific approach

Session includes:

- Contribution from **Karen Smyth** at **NILGA** on the challenge and opportunities of planning for affordable housing
- A presentation from **Seán Cullen** at **Belfast Housing Lab** on a community based response to the affordability challenge
- A panel discussion

Play Matters

Because Play Builds Children

PlayBoard NI Conference 2019

20th November 2019

Crowne Plaza, Belfast



Prices:

Member: £75

Non Member: £95

Play happens wherever children are, at home, in their neighbourhood and in their community. But not all children and young people growing up today have the same chances in life. For many children, their local environment offers great opportunities for play, recreation and hanging out with friends, supporting their hopes for a great future. For others, their experience is all too often one of play deprivation, poverty, inequality, environmental hazards and even conflict.

The responsibility to make things better lies with civic leadership, our government, local authorities and civil society, indeed all of us working together to lay the necessary foundations for cities, towns and communities, to fulfil the rights and needs of our youngest citizens.

This year our conference focuses on play as a key building block of childhood. Our keynote speakers and workshop facilitators will engage policy makers and resource providers, local leaders and civil society, offering all an opportunity to join hands and collectively develop strategies to make our cities, towns and local communities better places for children and young people to learn, grow and play.

Only by making the communities where children live places where they feel safe, secure and nurtured will they be able to flourish. Attending this conference you may be able to play your role in ensuring a brighter, playful future for every child in Northern Ireland.

Conference Speakers:

Jacqueline O'Loughlin
PlayBoard NI - Chief Executive

Alan Herron
PlayBoard NI - Director of Service Delivery & Development

Stella O'Malley
Psychotherapist and best-selling author

Felicitas zu Dohna
Arup - Senior Consultant

Helen Dodd
University of Reading - Professor of Child Psychology

Grainia Long
Belfast City Council - Commissioner for Resilience

Joanna Brown
Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland - Implementation Manager for Education

Derek Baker
Department of Education - Permanent Secretary

For more information visit our website:

www.playboard.org/playboard-conference-2019/

Appendix Approval Sought – SEPTEMBER COUNCIL

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
RTPI Annual Conference	17th September	1	Belfast	Yes
Chartered Institute of Waste Management Conference	24th September	2	Belfast	Yes
Royal Vernacular Conference	26th & 27th September	2	Oxford Island	No
The 'Game Changer' Conference	30/9/19	1	Belfast	Yes
Protect & Prepare Conference	2nd October	1	Stafford, England	Yes
Royal Institute Chartered Surveyors NI Conference	12/11/19	1	Belfast	Yes
Northern Economic Growth Conference	21/11/19	1	Manchester	Yes