

Report on	Conferences & Seminar – January 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 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	<p>NILGA - Theme Making Planning Work – Shaping our Built Environment: The Role of Councils in Placemaking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 30 January 2018 at Baby Grand Theatre, Grand Opera House No conference fee, travel and subsistence Councillors Burton, Glasgow and Reid
3.1.2	<p>NILGA – Driving Government Locally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 22 February 10am – 3pm At Killyhevlin, Enniskillen No conference fee, travel and subsistence
3.1.3	<p>29th Colmcille Winter School – Theme: Housing Provision in Ireland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 23rd – Saturday 24th February 2018 at Colmcille Heritage Centre, Letterkenny Conference fee €150 plus travel and subsistence
3.1.4	<p>NI Housing Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30 – 1.00pm Thursday 15 March 2018 at Titanic Centre, Belfast Conference fee £195 + vat = £234, travel and subsistence
3.1.5	<p>European Energy Poverty Conference 2018 – <i>'Theme: A United Approach'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 29th March 2018 at Croke Park, Dublin Conference feeCost: Eur 80 (early bird, before 28th Feb.), €120 standard plus travel and subsistence

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	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences/ seminars by members and council officers as required.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A Conferences & Seminar Details Appendix B Officer Approvals

Making Planning Work

Shaping our Built Environment: The Role of Councils in Placemaking

Half-day Seminar Programme

30 January 2018

Baby Grand Theatre, Grand Opera House



Time	Event	Speaker
08:45	Registration, Coffee and Refreshments	
09:15	Chairman's Welcome	Seamus McKee - BBC Radio Ulster
Session One - Expectation and Reality: Where are we now?		
09:20	Setting the context	Alderman Jim Dillon - Chair, NILGA Planning Working Group <i>Confirmed</i>
09:25	Keynote address: Incorporating placemaking approaches within the emerging Local Development Plans	Angus Kerr - Director of Planning Policy, Department for Infrastructure <i>Confirmed</i>
09:45	Long term planning: creating places through co-design	Theresa Donaldson - Chief Executive, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council <i>Confirmed</i>
09:55	Creating prosperous places: empowering local government	Louise Warde Hunter - Head of Housing, Urban Regeneration and Local Government, Department for Communities <i>Confirmed</i>
10:05	The benefits of placemaking: how does good design impact the culture of a place and help shape prosperous places?	Andrew Haley - Chair, Ministerial Advisory Group, Department for Communities and Built Environment Expert, Design Council CABE <i>Confirmed</i>
10:45	Voices from the floor & panel discussion	Ald Jim Dillon - NILGA Angus Kerr - DFI Theresa Donaldson - LCCC Louise Warde Hunter - DfC Andrew Haley - Ministerial Advisory Group
11:00	Coffee Break - Opportunity to Network	
Session Two - Expectations for the Future: How do we get there?		
11:20	Placemaking through the Local Development Plans: how to build and maintain relationships with investors, local communities and other stakeholders throughout the process	Craig McClaren - Director of Scotland and Ireland, RTPi <i>Confirmed</i>
11:40	Case study: creating places fit for the future's demands	Giulia Vallone - Municipal Architect and Urban Designer, Cork County Council <i>Confirmed</i>
11:50	Case study: heritage as an anchor for new development	Lindsay Christian - Senior Planning Policy Officer, Newport City Council <i>Confirmed</i>
12:00	Taking control: should councils promote good design	<i>TBC</i>
12:55	Voices from the floor & panel discussion	Craig McClaren - RTPi Scotland Giulia Vallone - Cork County Council Hugh Ellis - TCPA
13:25	Concluding Remarks	Seamus McKee - BBC Radio Ulster
13:30	Light Buffet Lunch Served - Opportunity to network	

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NILGA members are drawn from each of the 11 councils. The Association supports and represents NI Local Government's interests on regional bodies such as the Partnership Panel with the NI Assembly, within the Local Government Group of Associations in the UK (with over 550 councils as members) and in Europe.

By ensuring a collective framework for and with councils, NILGA communicates the importance of local government as a growing, sustainable and contemporary part of government in NI, ensuring that the sector is a partner of equal, equipped with an informed, strong, unified voice when dealing with central government, the EU and other legislative bodies.

To learn more contact:

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Save the Date

JOIN US AT

The Killyhevlin Lakeside Hotel, Enniskillen

Thursday 22 February | 10 am – 3.30 pm

NILGA, supported by Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, invites you to the **Driving Government Locally Summit** to address:

- How can local government deliver on the Programme for Government?
- How can City Deals and Rural Investment boost our economy?
- How can community cohesion and environmental goals be achieved?
- How can cross-border cooperation be secured?

Why attend?

Elected members, council officers and partner agencies are invited to attend the event and share their ideas on how local government can drive policy reform, the economy and community wealth.

As well as high level speakers from central and local government, academia and policy experts the event will feature four round tables on protecting our environment; sustainable and influential councils; community cohesion; and growing local economies. It will also inform on the opportunity to deliver real devolution, reshape the funding landscape and nurture cross-border cooperation.

To reserve your place visit bit.ly/DrivingGovtLocally



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Comhairle Ceantair
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

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29th Colmcille Winter School
29^ú Scoil Gheimhridh Cholmcille

Housing Provision in Ireland

Soláthar Tithíochta in Éireann

Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th of February 2018

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The 29th Colmcille Winter School
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BED & BREAKFAST:
Mrs. Sophia Boyle, Bridgeburn Hse, Trentagh
Mrs. Theresa Farrell, Corderry, Church Hill

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Tel: (074) 9137839

Tel: (074) 9137032
(9:30 – 5pm)

Hotels:

Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny
Gallagher's Hotel, Letterkenny
Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny
Dillon's Hotel, Letterkenny
Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny
Station House Hotel, Letterkenny

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An 29ⁱ Scoil Gheimhridh Cholmcille
23^ú & 24^ú Feabhra 2018

Venue: Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan,
Church Hill, Co. Donegal

APPLICATION FORM

Conference Fees: €150 per delegate
(Incl. VAT) €130 per delegate for organisations
sending 3 or more

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Accommodation Is Not Included – See Attached List

Name: _____

Address:

Tel No. _____

Name of Sponsoring Organization:

Number Attending: _____

Amount Enclosed:

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Northern Ireland Housing Conference



Thursday 15th March 2018
Titanic Belfast



Housing is an issue that is never far from the headlines as chronic shortages and rising costs have a dramatic impact on the supply of affordable housing available.

In Northern Ireland there are currently 37,611 households on the social housing waiting list, of which 23,694 are considered to be in housing stress. The average wait for a home is around 38 months.

Facing the Future was the first Housing Strategy to be developed in Northern Ireland, and it set out the vision for housing over the five years to 2017. Work is ongoing on the regulation of the private rented sector and looking at the allocation of social housing. The draft Programme for Government Housing Delivery Plan also outlines a number of key actions around the number of households in housing stress and the gap between supply and demand.

Challenges ahead

As we begin 2018, where are we? Significant challenges remain, not least in relation to the unstable political environment. No functioning devolved government, the impending exit from the EU, future funding challenges and sweeping welfare changes have created unprecedented difficulties. The general trend towards an increase in the number of households, an inability to build enough homes to match growth and house price volatility has left a legacy of undersupply which needs to be addressed and ongoing demographic pressures continue to have an impact on the importance of care and support. The issue of reclassification of Housing Associations is also a potential threat as are issues around planning and development.



This conference will focus on the challenges that lie ahead and discuss the way forward to ensure we are able to meet current and future housing needs. It will bring together the key stakeholders with an interest or role in housing in Northern Ireland and attract a good attendance from across the sector.

Housing in numbers

- In 2016-17 **18,773 households** presented as homeless to NIHE
- This is a **decrease of less than 1%** from the previous year
- **33%** are single males and **32%** are families
- During 2016-17, there were **1,387** Social Housing Development **new dwelling completions**
- This is an **increase of 15%** from previous year but still lower than 2014-15

A high level panel of local and visiting experts will examine key issues including:

- ✓ Future **housing policy** in Northern Ireland
- ✓ The impact of **welfare reform**
- ✓ Developing models for **better tenant engagement**
- ✓ Ensuring the **supply** of affordable housing
- ✓ The impact of welfare reform: Dealing with **Universal Credit**
- ✓ **Allocation** of social housing
- ✓ The impact of housing problems on **mental health**
- ✓ Building successful **communities**
- ✓ **Reclassification** of Housing Associations
- ✓ Overcoming the **hurdles of development**
- ✓ Determining **housing need**



0830 Registration and morning coffee

0900 Chairman: Jamie Delargy, **Business Broadcaster**



The future of housing policy in Northern Ireland

Louise Warde-Hunter, Deputy Secretary
Department for Communities



Priorities for housing

Nichola Mallon, MLA, Chair
Northern Ireland Assembly All Party Group on Housing



People, property and places: Using housing and associated services to deliver sustainable communities

Professor Peter Roberts, Interim Chair
Northern Ireland Housing Executive



Better tenant engagement: The Community Gateway Model

Jim Ripley, Chief Executive
Phoenix Community Housing, London

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

1045 Morning coffee / networking break

1115



The reclassification challenge

Ben Collins, Chief Executive
Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations



Determining housing need: The Scottish model

Elaine Scott, Housing Development and Regeneration Manager
Edinburgh City Council



Overcoming the hurdles of development

Michael McDonnell, Chief Executive
Choice Housing



The impact of housing problems on mental health

Professor Siobhan O'Neill,
Mental Health Sciences
Ulster University



Allocation of social housing

Eileen Patterson, Director of Communities
Radius Housing

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

1315

Chairman's summary and conference close followed by networking lunch



Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities

There are a number of opportunities for interested organisations to become involved with this conference as sponsors or exhibitors. This is an excellent way for organisations to raise their profile with a key audience of senior decision-makers from across the housing sector in Northern Ireland. For further information on how your organisation can benefit, contact **Lynda Millar** on **028 9261 9933**.

I wish to:

☐ **Reserve ____ places at the Housing Conference**

Delegate fee £195 + VAT @ 20% = £234

☐ **NIFHA members discounted rate**

£175 + VAT @ 20% = £210

Delegate details

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr): _____

Job title: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

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Terms and conditions

* For those 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.

Who should attend?

The conference will be of interest to all stakeholders involved in aspects of housing, funding and management including senior managers in the public, private and third sectors in Northern Ireland. The conference will be of particular interest to:

- Professionals in housing policy and delivery;
- Government departments and agencies;
- Those providing benefits advice;
- Housing associations;
- Policy / public affairs advisors;
- The construction industry;
- Project funders;
- Legal advisors;
- Housing and planning consultants;
- The community / voluntary sector / NGOs;
- Local elected representatives.

Networking opportunity

The conference is structured in a way to provide a high level of interaction between speakers and delegates.

There will be plentiful opportunities for questions as well as discussion in each of the sessions. In the breaks and margins of the event there will also be ample scope for business development.

Benefits of attending

Delegates attending the conference will:

- ✓ Look at the future of housing policy in Northern Ireland
- ✓ Discuss the impact of welfare reform
- ✓ Analyse all the key issues
- ✓ Hear about innovative solutions being applied elsewhere

How to register



Online

www.agendani.com/events



By telephone

028 9261 9933



By email

registration@agendani.com



By fax

028 9261 9951

Acknowledgement of registration

Confirmation of registration will be sent to all delegates. Joining instructions will be sent out following receipt of registration details. If you have not received your acknowledgement seven days prior to the start of the conference, please contact Michelle Davidson at registration@agendani.com to confirm your booking.



Title: ‘ European Energy Poverty Conference 2018 – ‘

Theme: *A United Approach*

Date: Thursday 29th March 2018,

Location: Croke Park, Dublin

Cost: Cost: Eur 80 (early bird, before 28th Feb.), €120 standard.

Energy Action’s conference, entitled ‘European Energy Poverty Conference 2018,- A United Approach’, will be held in Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin, on Thursday 29th March 2018, 9am-5.30pm. Cost: Eur 80 (early bird, before 28th Feb.), €120 standard.

Accommodation is available in the Croke Park Hotel. Enquiries and bookings, at the Conference rate per night of Eur 135 (single) and Eur 165 (double), should be emailed to eeepcon18@energyaction.ie as early as possible, preferably by 29th January.

The Conference will cover:

- European policy, regulation and financial incentives to address Energy Poverty
- [Irish](#) Government financial incentives for energy efficiency, for Deeper Retrofit Programmes and new changes to Building Regulation for all Irish Housing stock
- Best practice in Ireland, the UK and throughout Europe in various fields from behavioural change to innovative technologies
- A Workshop covering best practice for local authorities’ approach to deeper Retrofit, which will be of particular interest to councillors, housing and community.

Speakers, drawn from policy makers, Academia, and experts in Energy technology and Poverty alleviation, will include Denis Naughten TD, Minister of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, and Dr. Harriet Thomson, postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Manchester and the European Energy Poverty Observatory.

Appendix B

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
Petrol Filling Stations Construction & Environmental Protection Audit & Inspection	16-18th April 18	1	Manchester	Yes
Fire Safety Conference	8th & 9th February	2 (1 x 1 day & 1 x 2 days)	Armagh City Hotel	yes