

<b>Report on</b>	Local Government Staff Commission: 2024-25 Annual Subscription National Association of Councillors: 2024-25 Annual Subscription Northern Ireland Local Government Association: 2024-25 Service Fee
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	9 May 2024
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	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update the committee on correspondence received from the Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC) and the National Association for Councillors (NAC) and Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) on annual contributions payable for 2024-2025
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	<p><b>Local Government Staff Commission</b></p> <p>The Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC) is an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body established under the Local Government (NI) Act 1972. The Department for Communities has informed the Local Government Staff Commission (the Commission) that the provisional date for dissolution has been extended to 31 March 2025. You will be aware that in accordance with Schedule 3, paragraph 7 of the Local Government Act (NI) 1972, the budget for the operation of the Commission is to be apportioned between all District Councils and the NIHE.</p> <p>In accordance with the 2024/25 Management and Dissolution Plan, the Commission has estimated its total financial requirement of which Mid Ulster apportionment payment of £22,001 as detailed on Appendix A.</p>
2.2	<p><b>National Association of Councillors</b></p> <p>The Council is a member of the National Association of Councillors (NAC) to which it has elected member representation. The current representation extends to 8 members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Christine McFlynn</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Clement Cuthbertson</li> <li>• Councillor Dominic Molloy</li> <li>• Councillor Eugene McGonnell</li> <li>• Councillor Kyle Black</li> <li>• Councillor Sean Clarke</li> <li>• Councillor Trevor Wilson</li> <li>• Councillor Wilbert Buchanan</li> </ul> <p>The National Association of Councillors Northern Ireland Region was established 27 years ago, after local councillors decided they needed a strong local body as well as belonging to the UK National Association of Councillors. The NAC is the only organisation directly run by councillors and represents elected members across all Councils.</p> <p>The Council has received a request for payment for the incoming 2024-2025 membership.</p> <p>2.3 The Council is a Member of Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) to which it has representation. The current representation extends to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Frances Burton</li> <li>• Councillor Mark Robinson</li> <li>• Councillor Christine McFlynn</li> <li>• Councillor Sean McPeake</li> <li>• Councillor Eugene McConnell</li> <li>• Councillor Brian McGuigan</li> <li>• Councillor Wesley Brown</li> <li>• Councillor Meta Graham</li> </ul> <p>The Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) is the council led representative body for local authorities in Northern Ireland. The Association is supported by political parties and independent members in councils, and works in partnership with other key regional bodies and stakeholders. NILGA members are drawn from each of the 11 councils. The Association supports and represents NI Local Government’s interests on regional bodies, within the Local Government Group of Associations in the UK, ROI and in Europe. The Council has received a request for payment for the incoming 2024-2025 service fee.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p>The Council has received notification for payment to the LGSC relating to period 2024-25. The Council is required by statute under the Local Government Act (NI) 1972 to make this payment.</p>
3.2	<p>The Council has received an invoice for payment to the National Association for Councillors (NAC) relating to the period 2024-25 to which it is currently a member council.</p>

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<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: LGSC £22,001 to be met from within council existing budgetary provision. NAC £3,200. To be met from within council existing budgetary provision. NILGA £71,241.60 to be met from within council existing budgetary provision.
	Human: Not applicable
	Risk Management: Not applicable
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: Not applicable
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That the committee notes request for payments from the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC) for the period 2024-2025,</li> <li>• the National Association of Councillors for the period 2024-25; and</li> <li>• Northern Ireland Local Government Association for the period 2024-25.</li> </ul>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix A Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC) Appendix B Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA)