

Report on	Conferences, Seminars & Training
Date of Meeting	17 December 2020
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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 2020-21 member Conference, Seminar and Training allocations.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Elected Members</p> <p>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.</p>
3.2	<p>Officer Approvals</p> <p>There are occasions when it is beneficial to the council for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. There are currently no requests.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial: Costs to be set against Members 2019/20 conference/seminar/training allocation. Any costs incurred above annual allocation to be incurred by Member</p>

	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 Members Conferences, Seminars & Training

Appendix A

Member Training

Provider/Course	Date & Time	Location	Costs	Attendee Requests

Conferences

Provider/Course	Date & Time	Location	Costs	Attendee Requests
Northern Ireland Planning Conference	Thursday 11 February 2021	On line	£145+VAT	

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OVERVIEW

The Northern Ireland Economic Conference, now in its 25th year, is Northern Ireland's premier economic analysis event and is unique in being the only forum that takes a high level look at the performance of, and prospects for the local economy. It is firmly established as the annual autumn summit for Northern Ireland's economic community, including policy makers and business leaders. This year's conference will take place at a time of unprecedented change and is a not-to-be-missed event for all the latest information and perspectives on the local economy.

Key issues to be examined by an expert panel of speakers include:

- Economic impact of **Covid-19** on Northern Ireland
- Economic **policy priorities** for Northern Ireland
- Northern Ireland **medium term** economic outlook
- Options for devolving **fiscal powers**
- Importance of **skills** in the local economy
- Impact of **Brexit** on Northern Ireland economy
- Promoting **innovation and boosting** productivity

Conference format

agendaNi will be using an online platform that will allow speakers and delegates to follow the normal structure of a conference. This will include:

- Chair and speakers on screen during the session
- Speakers will be able to use PowerPoint slides
- A Q&A session with delegates being able to post questions, moderated by the chair
- A chat facility for delegates to make comments, moderated by agendaNi
- A twitter feed to be visible to all participants
- A 'handout' facility that will allow delegates to receive relevant documentation

Delegates will get a 'conference experience' that goes beyond the normal video conferencing meeting formats. Click undernoted link for further details.

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Northern Ireland Planning Conference

Thursday 11th February 2021
Online Conference

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Northern Ireland Planning Conference 2021

agendaNi's Northern Ireland Planning Conference is now firmly established as the major annual event for all those with an interest or role in planning and development in Northern Ireland. The 2021 conference comes at a time of great change. As of January 2020 we have a functioning Assembly in place with the New Decade, New Approach deal. A key priority of the restored Executive is 'Investing for our Future' – effective planning will be a key component to ensure Northern Ireland's economic and social potential can be realised.

With Minister for Infrastructure Nichola Mallon now in place, decisions on major projects of regional significance can be taken. Local authorities are also progressing Local Development Plans to shape local areas for the next decade and beyond.

However, no one could have guessed that the new decade would begin with the Covid-19 pandemic, affecting all areas of life across the globe and creating exceptional challenges and widespread disruption. The Department for Infrastructure introduced a number of measures to try to overcome some of the obstacles to planning and ensure no unnecessary delays. While these measures were temporary, as we move into the recovery phase of the pandemic, there may be the opportunity to rethink processes. Covid-19, while having a huge economic impact on Northern Ireland, may also give the chance to look again at town and city planning – the long term changes to our work and travel patterns may not be known for some time.

The conference will provide an opportunity for all those with a role or interest in planning locally to come together for discussion and debate. An expert speaker panel comprising local and visiting speakers will look at these issues in detail. Attendees will come from across all sectors and will include government policymakers and decision-takers, other government agencies and NDPBs, local government officials, planners, developers, waste companies, advisory organisations, community representative groups and political representatives. The conference aims to be as interactive as possible with delegates able to put questions directly to the expert panel.

2021 discussion topics

- ✓ Update on planning policy
- ✓ Local Development Plans to shape the next decade
- ✓ Covid-19 as an opportunity to rethink town and city planning
- ✓ Planning for major projects in infrastructure and housing
- ✓ Shaping places with transformative digital planning
- ✓ Community engagement in planning projects
- ✓ Putting climate at the heart of planning and development
- ✓ Planning Engagement Partnership to strengthen public participation
- ✓ The future of town centres post Covid-19
- ✓ A collaborative approach to placemaking
- ✓ Best practice case studies



Sponsorship opportunities

There are a limited number of available sponsorship opportunities at this conference which will be of interest to companies and organisations with products or services they wish to promote. For further information on sponsorship and speaking opportunities and how your organisation can benefit, contact **Lynda Millar** on **028 9261 9933** or email **Lynda.Millar@agendani.com**.

0900 Chairman's welcome and introduction: **Owen McQuade**, Managing Editor, agendaNi

Planning for recovery and growth in Northern Ireland

Angus Kerr, Chief Planner and Director of Regional Planning, **Department for Infrastructure**

Planning case law update

Presented by Carson McDowell

Local Development Plan to shape the next decade and beyond

Paul Duffy, Head of Planning, **Mid and East Antrim Borough Council**

Building Ireland's future: Planning for major projects in infrastructure and housing

Dave Walsh, Chairperson, **An Bord Pleanála**

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

1045 Comfort break

1115 Placemaking and community

Community engagement in planning projects

Petra Biberbach, Chief Executive, **Planning Aid Scotland**

The future of town centres post-pandemic

Helen Quigley, CEO, **Inner City Trust**

The Planning Engagement Partnership to strengthen public participation in the planning process

Dr Louise O'Kane, Planner and Engagement Officer, **Community Places**

A collaborative approach to placemaking

Professor Brian Evans, City Urbanist, **Glasgow City Council**

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

1300 Comfort break

1400 Planning for the future

Covid-19 as an opportunity to rethink town and city planning

Professor Geraint Ellis, School of Natural and Built Environment, **Queen's University Belfast**

Climate Action Plan: Putting climate at the heart of planning and development

James Orr, Director, **Friends of the Earth Northern Ireland**

Shaping places with transformative digital planning

Stefan Webb, Place Director, **FutureGov**

The future of planning in Northern Ireland

William Orbinson QC *(invited)*

1545 Chairman's summary and conference close

Booking form

I wish to:

- ☐ Reserve ____ places at the conference
Conference fee £175 + VAT @ 20% = £210
- ☐ Discounted rate for local government sector (councils only)
Conference fee £145 + VAT @ 20% = £174
- ☐ Discounted rate for voluntary/community sector
Conference fee £145 + VAT @ 20% = £174
- ☐ Receive details on future agendaNi events and publications

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Delegate details

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

Job title: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Payment options

- ☐ I enclose a cheque for £_____
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Cancellations / substitutions

Please note that once purchased delegate places cannot be cancelled.

Who should attend?

This conference will be of interest to all stakeholders involved in and affected by the planning system in Northern Ireland, including:

- Planning professionals;
- Senior policy makers;
- Elected representatives;
- Local government officers;
- Developers;
- Building companies;
- Housing sector managers;
- Senior managers in government agencies;
- Infrastructure developers;
- Quantity surveyors;
- Architects;
- Environmentalists;
- Lawyers;
- Planning consultants;
- Public affairs consultants.



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