

For consideration at Council Meeting on Thursday 28 August 2014

List of Events

- A Wind Energy Seminar & Wind Farm Visit: *Wednesday 3 September*

- B Council Engagement Event on Tourism Review: *Tuesday 16 September*

- C Equality & Diversity Event: *Thursday 18 September*

- D Transforming your Care: *Thursday 2 October*

- E Training for Elected Members on Planning: *Various*

- F Neighbourhood Renewal Event: *18 September 2014*

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Free Wind Energy Seminars and Wind Farm Visits

For Planning Officers and Councillors

A Free one day event and wind farm visit exclusively for Planning Officers and Councillors organised by NIRIG, Northern Ireland's leading renewable energy trade association. NIRIG is a joint collaboration between the Irish Wind Energy Association and RenewableUK.

If you have any questions about the 2014 Wind Energy Seminars, please contact Claire Richards, Event Co-ordinator at Claire.Richards@RenewableUK.com or telephone 020 7901 3000

“Enjoyed the range of speakers and the visit to the wind farm. The noise assessment presentation was particularly useful.”

Delegate, Lancashire, June 2013

Northern Ireland Programme	
09.30	Registration and tea/coffee
10.00	Session 1: Introduction • Renewable energy policy overview
10.10	Session 2: Planning and Local Government Context • Brief summary of key planning and local government reform • High-level overview of SPPS • Key milestones to April 2015 and beyond
10.45	Session 3: Noise • Key issues in the planning and development of a wind farm • Q&A
11.20	Session 4: Community engagement and consultation in the wind farm development process • Methods of engagement • Benefits of and barriers to engagement
12.00	Lunch
13.00	Workshop
13.45	Session 5: Wind farm developer's perspective
14.15	Wind farm visit • Glenconway
16.00	Close



Current 2014 Itinerary*

Date	Wind Farm Visit	Location
Wednesday 3rd September In association with NIRIG	Glenconway	Northern Ireland

*This itinerary may be subject to change. Visit www.RenewableUK/WES2014 for the latest information, prior to registration.

To register please contact Claire Richards, Event Co-ordinator at Claire.Richards@RenewableUK.com or on +44 (0) 207 901 3015

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NILGA

TOURISM CONSULTATION KEY COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT EVENT

Review of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board and Wider Tourism Structures

Titanic Belfast, Andrews Gallery - 16th September 2014, 10.00am–
12.30pm

(Registration and refreshments from 9:30am, light lunch provided)

This event will increase awareness and understanding of the issues within the context of local government reform. It will also provide a valuable opportunity to regionally consider and comment on the Review Report's recommendations.

The *Review of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board and Wider Tourism Structures* is important for incoming councils because from April 2015, the 11 new councils will have a clear a statutory responsibility for Community Planning and Economic Development, of which tourism will be a key component.

The Department for Enterprise Trade and Investment commissioned an independent review to inform how the Department ensures that the current tourism organisational structures are the optimum necessary to deliver targets and actions set out in the Programme for Government and Economic Strategy.

The Review sets the scene for consideration of those organisational structures best capable of delivering the Department's tourism objectives and targets in the context of the rapidly changing and dynamic environment. The Review examines the strategic, operational and organisational issues and challenges facing the tourism industry in Northern Ireland and its leading players, particularly DETI, NITB, Invest NI and Tourism Ireland (TIL) at a regional level, together with District Councils and associated tourist organisations at a local level.

This **FREE** event is open to all Elected Members and Officers, but numbers are limited so we would ask each Shadow Council to nominate up to eight representatives to attend the event. NILGA will try to accommodate all enquiries, including from Members of the existing 26 Councils. Councils should complete the booking form on the reverse and return it to NILGA by emailing s.little@nilga.org, before 12.00pm on 12th September 2014.

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Equality & Diversity
in Local Councils

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13 August 2014

Dear Colleague

Equality and Diversity Event
The MAC, Belfast
10 am to 1 pm on Thursday 18 September 2014

The next Equality and Diversity Event will be held at 10 am on Thursday 18 September 2014 in the Works at the MAC, Exchange Street West, Belfast.

This seminar will provide an update on recent research projects:

- Bronagh Hinds will outline the background to the Strategic Guide and Toolkit to *Developing and Applying Women, Peace and Security Practice in Northern Ireland/Ireland* which was launched in June.
- Daniel Holder and Emma Patterson-Bennett from the Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ) will provide a briefing on their recent research papers.

This event is aimed at all those involved in equality and diversity including Diversity Champions (both Elected Member and Officer Champions), Equality Officers, Good Relations Officers and HR Officers.

To reserve a place at this event, go to the 'Latest Items' on our website www.lgsc.org.uk. If you require further information, contact Lorna Parsons by phone on 028 9031 3200 or by email on lorna.parsons@lgsc.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

ADRIAN E KERR
Chief Executive

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08 July 2014

Chair
Roberta Brownlee

**TRANSFORMING YOUR CARE IN ACTION: 1 PERSON
THURSDAY 02 OCTOBER 2014 @ 3.30PM
SEAGOE PARISH CENTRE, PORTADOWN**

Chief Executive
Mairead McAlinden

Please find attached invitation to attend a conference entitled *Transforming Your Care in Action: 1 Person at a Time* to be held on Thursday 02 October 2014 at 3.30pm in Seagoe Parish Centre, Portadown.

This conference is aimed at everyone within the Southern Trust area who would like to share, or would like to hear how people's experiences have been enhanced by the changing face of Healthcare in the Southern Trust, particularly through Transforming Your Care.

We will be taking this opportunity to allow service users and carers to showcase how the introduction of Transforming Your Care has had a direct impact on them and the care they receive and to talk us through the changes they have seen, good and bad in the past number of years.

It will also be an opportunity for us here at the Trust to reflect upon how the changes we are continuously making are effecting the people in our local area and to recognise that although many services are already transformed, we are continuously striving to change our care and services for the better, with the patient/client experience at the heart of what we do.

I trust this will be of interest to you, and am more than happy for you to circulate this widely to anyone who you feel may be interested in attending.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Southern Trust in the very near future.

Roberta Brownlee
Chair
Southern Health and Social Care Trust



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and Social Care Trust

Quality Care - for you, with you

Roberta Brownlee, Chair and Mairead McAlinden, Chief Executive
cordially invite you to attend:

Transforming Your Care in Action: **ONE PERSON AT A TIME**

A conference for the public about the personal impact of **TRANSFORMING** services
in the Southern Trust as told by **SERVICE USERS**

Thursday 02 October 2014 @ 3.30pm
Seagoe Parish Centre, Portadown

High Tea will be served. Please advise if you have any dietary requirements

Please RSVP by 12 September 2014 to:

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20 August 2014

Dear Member

RE: Capacity Building and Training for Elected Members on Planning

I am writing to invite you to attend a series of training events programmed to run from early September 2014 to late January 2015 (see attached schedule). The training will be facilitated and delivered in the main by senior planning staff but will also include representatives who have experience of similar planning systems in other jurisdictions. The training will help to prepare for the transfer of planning functions to Councils and assist Members to understand the new planning system, the processes involved in making planning decisions and the need to comply with ethical standards.

The sessions have been organised in a way that will help Members build up a sound knowledge of the planning functions starting with an overview in September; Development Plans in October; a walk through the practical side of planning in November and finishing with Code of Conduct training together with an insight into the role of the Planning Appeals Commission in December/January. Please note that it is strongly recommended that all Members attend at least one event per session to get the most out of the training programme and, in particular, Councillors who will sit on Planning Committees.

At the end of each training event, attendees will receive a hard copy of the presentations and any material relating to that day/evening. Therefore by the end of the 4th session Members will have accumulated a large amount of information which, it is hoped, will be useful in their future planning role.

Finally, I would reiterate that the training is open to **all** Members and that you can opt to go to **any** date/venue that suits you per session (although you are encouraged to go to the event shown against your Council area in the programme). In that regard, I would be grateful if you could respond with your chosen dates for each session to **(CONTACT NAME & DETAILS)** by **(DATE)**. Please also indicate if you have any special dietary or access requirements.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Angus Kerr

Director
Planning Policy Division

3	Key Issues								
3.1	Council previously agreed a Capacity Building Plan for the transitional period to 31 March 2015 which included detail on four sessions being held from September 2014 to January 2015. DoE Planning and Policy Division have now confirmed the arrangements for each session (appendix B).								
3.2	In organising each session DoE Planning Policy Division has clustered new Councils together for logistical and organisational purposes. Mid Ulster DC has been clustered with Derry & Strabane and Fermanagh & Omagh councils.								
3.3	The sessions are; (i) Overview of Planning for Councillors; (ii) Development Plans and Working with the Community; (iii) Practical Planning; and (iv) Propriety and Outcomes dealing with the Code of Conduct and the role of The Planning Appeals Commission.								
3.4	Whilst members may select to attend any date for each session (appendix B), Mid Ulster representatives are encouraged to attend the following:								
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Session 4: Propriety and Outcomes	
Date	8 January or 28 January
Time	10am - 2pm 5.30pm - 9pm
Venue	Ranfurly House, Dungannon Omagh Council

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14 August 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

The Coalisland and Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership would like to extend an invitation to you to attend our "Showcase Event" which will take place in Ranfurly House and Visitors Centre, Market Square, Dungannon on **Thursday 18th September 2014**.

The Event will commence at **2.00pm** and there will be a wide variety of information and activity available on the day. This will also provide you with a timely opportunity to find out more about the very successful projects and programmes which Neighbourhood Renewal has been involved in over the past number of years.

The day will also allow opportunities for engagement between the existing partnership members and the new Mid Ulster Council who will ultimately be the new forum of decision makers for any new future programme in addressing deprivation and disadvantage.

I am looking forward to seeing you all there and to hear your views on the day with regards to a future programme designed to meet the needs of the residents on the new Mid Ulster Council area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francie Molloy'.

Francie Molloy MP
Chair of Coalisland/Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership