

Report on	Local Government Staff Commission: 2023-24 Annual Subscription National Association of Councillors: 2023-24 Annual Subscription
Date of Meeting	9 March 2023
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update the committee on correspondence received from the Local Government Staff Commission and the National Association for Councillors (NAC) on annual contributions payable for 2023-24.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Local Government Staff Commission</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 2023/24 Management and Dissolution Plan, the Commission has estimated its total financial requirement of which Mid Ulster apportionment payment of 5.2% is £19,641 as detailed on Appendix A.</p>
2.2	<p>National Association of Councillors</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"> • Cllr McFlynn, SDLP • Cllr Cuthbertson, DUP • Cllr Black, DUP • Cllr McKinney, UUP

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Molloy, SF • Cllr O'Neill, SF • Cllr Doris, SF • Cllr Clarke, SF <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 2023-24 membership.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Council has received notification for payment to the LGSC relating to period 2023-24. The Council is required by statute under the Local Government Act (NI) 1972 to make this payment. The amount due is a 17.43% decrease of £19,641 down from £23,787 for 2022-23 year.
3.2	The Council has received an invoice for payment to the National Association for Councillors (NAC) relating to the period 2023-24 to which it is currently a member council.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: LGSC £19,641 to be met from within council existing budgetary provision. NAC £3,200. To be met from within council existing budgetary provision.
	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	That the committee notes request for payments from the Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC) for the period 2023-2024 and the National Association of Councillors for the period 2023-24.

6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC)