



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Health and Environmental Services Committee
Subject:	National Association of Councillors Conference -“Tackling Climate Change – Protecting Our Environment”
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Relevant Background Information

The National Association of Councillors (NAC) has issued details of a conference on the theme of Tackling Climate Change – Protecting Our Environment which is to take place in the Monkbar Hotel, York, from Friday, 22nd till Sunday 24th January, 2010.

The conference will include presentations on sustainable waste management, wind energy, low carbon vehicles and flood risk. It therefore provides a very timely opportunity for elected Members to learn more about current thinking in a range of policy areas of immediate relevance to the Council.

Key Issues

This NAC conference provides an important development and networking opportunity for elected Members in currently relevant policy areas.

The Council's policy on attendance at NAC events is that the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the appropriate Committee, the Council's representatives on the NAC and a representative of the other Party Groupings not represented by the aforementioned Members should be recommended to attend.

Places at the conference and accommodation have been reserved accordingly.

Resource Implications

The delegate fee is £350 per person and accommodation in the conference Hotel is £65 per night (2 nights). Travel costs are estimated at approximately £180 per person.

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to approve attendance in line with the Council's policy for such events as outlined above.

Decision Tracking

The Director of Health and Environmental Services will ensure that all the necessary arrangements relating to the booking of the Conference and attendance thereat are made.