



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>France - United Kingdom Local Government Forum</b>
<b>Date:</b>	19th August, 2022
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sometime in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To seek approval to accept an invitation to attend the France – United Kingdom Local Government Forum, scheduled to be held in Nancy, France on 24th - 25th October 2022. The current Programme for this event is attached.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to approve in-person attendance at the Forum, with the attendees to be the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Climate and City Resilience Committee and the Director of City and Organisational Strategy or another senior officer.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The city of Nancy, France is hosting the next meeting of the UK – France Local Government Forum on 24th and 25th October, 2022.

3.2	Members may recall that a report requesting attendance by a deputation from the Council was agreed on 24th September 2021 for last year's event. However, that event was cancelled.
3.3	The Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) is working with the other Local Government Associations, the British Embassy in Paris, and the French authorities to develop the programme.
3.4	Day One of the Forum is titled - <b>In the new European and international context, what common values must bear local and regional authorities?</b>  There is plenary session on this subject followed by two workshop sessions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Youth mobility: strengthening our relationships for the future</b></li> <li>• <b>How can we relaunch and renew our bilateral cooperation?</b></li> </ul>
3.5	Day Two of the Forum is titled " <b>Green Transition: global challenges and local solutions</b> " and this will involve a round table session to discuss, tackling the climate emergency, local public services at the heart of the green transition in our territories.
	<b>Financial and Resource Implications</b>
3.6	NILGA has advised that the costs for elected members attending this Forum will be recoverable. However, the costs associated with officer attendance is required and will be paid for from of existing budgets.
	<b>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</b>
3.7	None associated with this report.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Document Attached</b>
	Programme for France-United Kingdom Local Government Forum, 24-25 October 2022