



**INVITE**  
To All Councils  
*(Members and officers)*

**Details:**

Choose one session and complete the reply form enclosed with this invitation.

**Cost: Free**  
(Refreshments included)

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Note: These sessions are being held jointly with information sessions on the Improvement, Collaboration and Efficiency (ICE) Programme. You may wish to plan your attendance at both events to minimise travel arrangements.

## Briefing Session on Local Government Reform Policy Proposals

*An opportunity for you to influence the future shape of local government.*

The Minister of Environment recently launched a public consultation on policy proposals to reorganise local government, once a date is agreed by the NI Executive to implement the 11 council model.

The proposals are wide ranging and their impact on councils and councillors will be profound. They include proposals on governance arrangements and an ethical standards regime that will, if implemented, result in new methods for taking decisions in councils. With the development of a new council led community-planning programme, the Minister also proposes to give new powers to councils. Also included are plans for a new service delivery and performance improvement framework and the establishment of a Partnership Panel.

This is your opportunity to hear more detail on all the proposals and put forward your views. This is crucial to allow the sector to submit an informed response to the consultation and ensure the final proposals support the full potential of local government.

**Programme Key areas:**

- Governance arrangements for the new councils
- Ethical Standards
- Service Delivery & Performance Improvement Framework
- Community Planning
- Power of Well-being
- Partnership Panel
- Supervision of Councils

**Session Details**

There are 4 sessions for you to choose from. Each session will last approx. 2.5 hours

1. Monday 14 February 2011, 13.30 - 16.00 in Magherafelt District Council Offices, or
2. Wednesday 16 February 2011 - 19.00—21.30 in Antrim Civic Centre, or
3. Tuesday 22 February 2011, 10.00—12.30 in Roe Valley Arts Centre, Limavady, or
4. Thursday 24 February 2011, 16.00—18.30 in Seagoe Hotel, Portadown.

Please complete the attached reply form indicating which session you would like to attend and return it to Antoinette McBride at a.mcbride@nilga.org

**Closing date for registration is 3 days in advance of each session.**



## **Local Government Reform Briefing Session –Outline Agenda**

- **REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS**
- **OPENING REMARKS & WELCOME (10 mins)**
- **OVERVIEW OF POLICY PROPOSALS (30 mins)**
- **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS (40 mins)**
- **FEEDBACK (30 mins)**
- **Q & A/PANEL DISCUSSION (20 mins)**
- **C I O S E**