



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	National Association of Councillors - Annual General Meeting and Conference
<b>Date:</b>	Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> October, 2011
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Mr. Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (extension 6314)
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Mrs. Julie Lilley, Democratic Services Officer (extension 6321)

<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	The National Association of Councillors is holding its Annual General Meeting and Conference in Lytham St Annes from Friday, 25th until Sunday, 27th November.
1.2	This years Conference is concerned with how Local Government can work effectively with both the Westminster and European Parliaments to address the major problems being faced by all citizens in the current economic climate. A number of prominent MPs and MEPs will address the conference and take part in a 'Question Time' session.

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	The business of the Annual General Meeting falls within the criteria set out in Section 38 of the 1972 Local Government (Northern Ireland) Act in that it involves issues connected with the discharge of the functions of the Council and/or affecting the district or its inhabitants.

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>Delegate Fee: £350  Travel: £209  Accommodation: £110</p> <p>Total per delegate: <u>£669</u></p>

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality Implications</b>
	N/A

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	<p>It is recommended that the Committee authorises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ the attendance at the National Association of Councillors Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, the Council's representatives on the National Association of Councillors (Northern Ireland Region), and a representative of each of the Parties on the Council not represented by the aforementioned Members.</li> </ul>

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
<p>Officers responsible:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Julie Lilley, Democratic Services Officer</p> <p>November 2011</p>	