



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Local Authorities Members' Association – Autumn Seminar
Date:	Friday, 10th August, 2012
Reporting Officer:	Mr. Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (extension 6314)
Contact Officer:	Ms. Kate McCafferty, Democratic Services Assistant (extension 6308)

1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Local Authorities Members' Association (LAMA) is holding its Autumn Seminar in Letterkenny, County Donegal from Friday, 28th to Saturday, 29th September.
1.2	The theme of the Seminar is 'The Challenge for Local Authorities – Can We Do More With Less?' Keynote speakers at the Seminar will include Senators Brian O Domhnaill, Imelda Henry and Jimmy Harte as well as the Mayor of Letterkenny, Councillor Dessie Larkin.
1.3	The Council has been represented at LAMA events for a number of years and participants at previous events have felt that their attendance provided them with a valuable opportunity to meet with Local Government Representatives from throughout Ireland to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The business of the Seminar falls within the criteria set out in Section 34 of the Local Government Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 in that it involves issues connected with the interests of the inhabitants of the district or any part of it.

3	Resource Implications										
3.1	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Delegate Fee:</td> <td>£125</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Accommodation Costs:</td> <td>£100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travel:</td> <td>£130</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Subsistence:</td> <td>£115</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total per delegate:</td> <td><u>£470</u></td> </tr> </table>	Delegate Fee:	£125	Accommodation Costs:	£100	Travel:	£130	Subsistence:	£115	Total per delegate:	<u>£470</u>
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4	Equality Implications
	N/A

5	Recommendations
5.1	<p>It is recommended that the Committee authorises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the attendance at the LAMA Autumn Seminar of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, the Council's representatives on the National Association of Councillors, Northern Ireland Region, the Democratic Services Manager (or their nominees) and a representative of each of the Parties on the Council not represented by the aforementioned Members. ▪ the payment of the appropriate travelling and subsistence allowances in connection therewith.

6	Decision Tracking
<p>Officers responsible:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager</p> <p>August 2012</p>	

7	Key to Abbreviations
LAMA – Local Authority Members' Association	