



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	NILGA/Climate Northern Ireland Seminar
Date:	Friday, 10th August, 2012
Reporting Officer:	Mr. Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (extension 6314)
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA), in partnership with Climate Northern Ireland, are organising a morning seminar to discuss recent weather related events and address how Northern Ireland Councils can prepare and respond to similar events should they occur in the future. The Seminar will take place on 4th September, 2012 in Craigavon Civic Centre.
1.2	The issue of preparing for and dealing with the repercussions of severe weather is of particular relevance to Belfast, given as a significant number of localities in the City were affected by the recent flooding.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The business of the Conference 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	The seminar is free of charge.

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 NILGA/Climate Northern Ireland Seminar of any Member who wishes to attend.

6	Decision Tracking
<p>Officers responsible:</p> <p>Mr. Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager</p> <p>August 2012</p>	