



**Belfast City Council**

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Strategic Policy and Resources Committee</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>NILGA Local Government Recognition Event</b>
<b>Date:</b>	17th October, 2014
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (ext 6314)

<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	The Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) will be holding an event on 20th February, 2015 to collectively recognise the civic and community roles played by the outgoing 26 local councils since 1973 (copy programme attached as an Appendix).

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	NILGA will be inviting the Lord Mayor and the Chief Executive to attend this event in La Mon Hotel but the Council can, if it so wishes, reserve up to an additional 8 seats for the event at a cost of £55 per person.
2.2	Given the contribution made to the life and work of the outgoing Council by all of the political parties on the Council, it is considered that the Council should take up the offer to reserve an additional 8 places for the event.
2.3	So that all political parties may be represented, it is suggested that the 8 places are allocated as follows:  Sinn Fein – 2 places DUP – 2 places SDLP – 1 place Alliance – 1 place UUP – 1 place PUP 1 place

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	The cost of reserving 8 places is £440 and this can be accommodated from within existing budgets.

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>
4.1	There are not any Good Relations or Equality considerations associated with this report.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	The Committee is recommended to reserve 8 places at the NILGA Recognition Event and to allocate those places in accordance with the suggestion in paragraph 2.3 of the report.

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager November, 2014	

<b>7</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
NILGA – Northern Ireland Local Government Association	

<b>8</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
Appendix – Event details from NILGA	