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| Subject: | NILGA 2018 Pilot Local Planning Programme |
| Date: | 13 March 2018 |
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| Is the decision eligible for Call-in? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of NILGA's 2018 Pilot Local Planning Programme for elected members and to seek permission for two Planning Committee members to participate in the full pilot programme. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| | The Committee is asked to: |
| 2.1 | Note the NILGA 2018 pilot Local Planning Programme for elected members. |
| 2.2 | Approve the attendance of the Chair and Deputy Chair of Planning Committee, or their nominees, to participate in the full programme. |

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| 3.0 | Main report |
| 3.1 | <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>NILGA has designed a regional elected member development programme for implementation during 2018-2019.</p> |
| 3.2 | <p>The newly established NILGA Regional Elected Member Development Working Group has responsibility for the oversight and scrutiny of the implementation and delivery of the NILGA Regional Programme for Elected Member Development.</p> |
| 3.3 | <p>The overall elected member development programme includes a strand in respect of a Local Planning Programme for elected members, a copy of which is set out at Appendix One.</p> |
| 3.4 | <p>NILGA has commissioned a planning and development specialist to co-design the eight module programme, which will run from April to November 2018. Each module will be held on the afternoon of the last Friday of each month. At this stage it is anticipated the venues for the training will alternate between Antrim Civic Centre and Craigavon Civic Centre.</p> |
| 3.5 | <p>The programme will be interactive in nature and will be delivered by a pool of planning experts (details of the pool of providers is included at Appendix One). The programme will include short presentations; discussions; case studies and benchmarking practice in other jurisdictions; workshops with role play activity; a mock appeal; question & answer sessions; and an optional site visit to a council in Scotland.</p> |
| 3.6 | <p>A pre-requisite for the enrolment in the programme is that elected members who are nominated to attend must be in a position to complete all eight modules.</p> |
| 3.7 | <p>Elected members who successfully complete the full programme, to a satisfactory standard, will be accredited with an endorsed Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) development award.</p> |
| 3.8 | <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>NILGA and partner bodies, including the Local Government Training Group (LGTG) will meet the costs of this pilot programme, excluding travel costs.</p> |
| 3.9 | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no equality or good relations implications associated with this report.</p> |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
| | Appendix One: NILGA 2018 Pilot Local Planning Programme |