



Subject:	NILGA Annual Conference and Local Government Awards
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To authorise the attendance of Members at the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) Annual Conference and the attendance of Members and officers at the Local Government Awards dinner.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve the attendance of the Council representatives on NILGA at the Annual Conference on 11th October and to authorise the attendance of the Chairpersons and the Deputy Chairpersons of the Strategic Policy and Resources, City Growth and Regeneration Committees and the Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Halls Shareholders'

	Committee (or their nominees), together with appropriate officers at the Local Government Awards dinner on 12 th October.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The NILGA Annual Conference will take place this year at the Armagh City Hotel on 12 th October (see attached draft agenda – Appendix 1). The Council is represented on NILGA by a number of Members across the political parties. The normal practice is to authorise those representatives to attend the Annual Conference if they so desire.
3.2	In addition, later that evening the Northern Ireland Local Government Awards dinner will be held. The Awards set out to showcase excellence in service delivery across the work of the Councils. This year the Council has submitted 4 applications and, although the finalists have not yet been shortlisted, it would be important for the Council to be represented at the Awards dinner so that, if successful, an elected Member could accept the award. It is recommended that the Committee approve the attendance of the Chairpersons and the Deputy Chairpersons of the Strategic Policy and Resources, City Growth and Regeneration Committees and the Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Halls Shareholders' Committee (or their nominees), together with appropriate officers at the awards dinner,
	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.3	Any cost for attendance at the Awards dinner can be met from within existing budgets.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.4	None.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Draft agenda for the NILGA Annual Conference