



Subject:	National Association of Councillors - Annual Conference
Date:	23rd August, 2019
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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 consider the attendance of the Councillors representatives on the National Association of Councillors at the annual conference in Carlisle.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is recommended to approve the attendance of the Council's representatives on the National Association of Councillors at the Conference to be held in Carlisle from 13 th till 15 th September.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Committee will be aware that it has appointed 8 Members to the National Association of Councillors (Northern Ireland Region).

3.2	The annual conference of the National Body will this year be held in Carlisle from 13 th till 15 th September.
3.3	The theme of this year's conference is entitled Community Hubs and Community Engagement. <i>Correspondence from the Association states:</i>
3.4	<i>"As the electorate demand better communications and more convenient services from local and national government departments, both local and national government departments are merging contact centres to create hubs where local and national services can be provided. These hubs are designed to be easier for our residents when multiple services are required.</i>
3.5	<i>We will discuss how they can be set up and how they improve the outcomes for the public, and local / national services."</i>
3.6	The Committee has, in previous years, authorised the attendance of its representatives at the annual conference.
<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>	
3.7	The fee for attendance at the conference is £350 plus VAT per delegate. There will also be travel and accommodation costs.
3.8	Any expenditure in this regard can be met from within existing budgets.
<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>	
3.9	None associated with this report.
4.0	Documents attached
	None.