



Subject:	NILGA Annual Conference, Exhibition and Local Government Awards
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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 Members at the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) Annual Conference, Exhibition and 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, Exhibition and Local Government Awards dinner on 20th February.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The NILGA Annual Conference will take place this year at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on 20th February 2020 (see attached draft agenda – Appendix 1). The Council is represented on NILGA by a 10 Members across the political parties. The normal practice is to authorise those representatives to attend the Annual Conference if they so desire.</p>
3.2	<p>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.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are two free places for each council, with a cost for each additional day delegate at the conference only costing - £99 plus VAT; and day delegate plus awards dinner - £145 plus VAT.</p>
3.4	<p>Any cost for attendance at the conference and/or awards dinner can be met from within existing budgets.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Draft agenda for the 2020 NILGA Annual Conference