



Subject:	France – United Kingdom Local Government Forum
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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
1.1	To seek approval for the Council to accept an invitation to attend the France – United Kingdom Local Government Forum, scheduled for 25th – 26th October in Nancy, France.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to approve in-person attendance at the Forum and that attendees be the Chair of the Brexit Committee, the Chair of the Climate Change Working Group and the City Solicitor.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The city of Nancy, France is hosting the next meeting of the UK – France Local Government Forum on 25th and 26th October. At the moment, the intention is for a physical meeting, but this may change to a hybrid or virtual one closer to the time.

3.2	NILGA is working with the other LGAs, the British Embassy in Paris and the French authorities to develop the programme and is taking initial expressions of interest from NI councils in speaking at the event.
3.3	Day One of the Forum is titled “ Reinvigorating Franco-British cooperation and exchange ” and there are three workshop session, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Mobility: the future of our relations • How to re-energise our bilateral partnerships? • Protecting the environment: a shared local challenge.
3.4	Day Two of the Forum is titled “ Green Transition: global challenges and local responses ” where local authorities will present their strategies followed by a roundtable discussion titled “Committed for climate: together towards COP26”.
3.5	Given the subject matters, it is recommended that The Chair of the Brexit Committee and the Chair of the Climate Crisis Working Group attend the Forum, accompanied by the City Solicitor, as the Senior Responsible Officer for Brexit.
	Resource and Resource Implications
3.6	Some funding has been agreed between NILGA and Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. Any additional travel and subsistence costs will be paid for out of existing revenue budgets.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.7	None arising from this report.
4.0	Documents Attached
	None