



Subject:	agendaNi Planning Conference, March 2022
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
	To advise the Committee of the upcoming annual Northern Ireland Planning Conference, held by agendaNi.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	The Committee is asked to consider whether it agrees to approve the attendance of the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson, or their nominees, to attend the agendaNi Planning Conference on Wednesday, 2nd March, 2022.

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>3.1 agendaNi is organising its annual Northern Ireland Planning Conference, to be held on Wednesday, 2nd March, 2022, at the Europa hotel, Belfast.</p> <p>3.2 The organisers advise that the conference will provide a genuine, in-depth understanding of the key issues via a high-level panel of local and visiting speakers. The full list of confirmed speakers is outlined within the appendix.</p> <p>3.3 Members are asked to note that, in light of the ongoing pandemic, the organisers have stated that:</p> <p>3.4 <i>“attendees’ safety will remain our highest priority with all necessary social distancing and hygiene measures in place. All delegates attending are required to show proof of Covid vaccination, a negative test result within 48 hours of the conference or proof of a positive PCR test taken within the last 30–180 days. The Europa Hotel meets the Covid-19 industry standard ‘We’re Good to Go’ standards.”</i></p> <p>3.5 They have advised that Government guidance will be followed and that tickets will be transferable if the event is postponed or has to be held online.</p> <p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.6 The discounted local government rate for attendees from the Council/Voluntary/Community sector is £195 + VAT per person.</p> <p>3.7 Democratic Services has a budget to allow the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson of the Planning Committee (or their nominees) to attend.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	Email invitation from agendaNi.