



Belfast City Council STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES

Subject:	Appointments to Outside Bodies: NILGA Strategic Policy Network; and NI Assembly All-Party Working Group on Universal Basic Income
Date:	22 nd September, 2023
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Restricted Reports		
Is this report restricted?	Yes No	X
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?		
After Committee Decision		
After Council Decision		
Sometime in the future		
Never		

Call-in Х Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues	
	To consider the appointment of a member to the NILGA Strategic Policy Network; and 2	
	Members to the NI Assembly All-Party Working Group on Universal Basic Income (UBI).	
2.0	Recommendation	
	The Committee is recommended:	
	 agree to appoint a Member to the NILGA Strategic Policy Network; 	
	• to accept the invitation to appoint 2 Members to the NI Assembly All-Party Working	
	Group on UBI;	
	 agree that they be added to the list of appointments to outside bodies; and 	

	note the order of choices for appointment in accordance with Committee's decision
	of 26 th June.
3.0	Main Report
	Key Issues
	NILGA Strategic Policy Network
3.1	The Committee is advised that a letter has been received for NILGA seeking a nominee to
	the Strategic Policy Network (copy attached).
3.2	Members will be aware that the Council has 10 representatives on NIGA and 1 Member on
	the NILGA – Elected Member Development Network. It has now formed a new Strategic
	Policy Network and is seeking the nomination of a Councillor to sit on the group.
	NI Assembly All-Party Working Group on Universal Basic Income
3.3	Correspondence has also been received from the Chair of the NI Assembly All-Party
	Working Group on UBI seeking Council representation on the Group (copy attached).
3.4	Officers and Councillors previously worked informally on the development of the study on
	UBI through the Anti-Poverty Working Group. However, the working group has now evolved
	into a NI Assembly All Party Working Group and they have asked the Council to nominate 2 Members to attend the Group.
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3.5	If the Committee is minded to accept the invitations, then it is suggested that the nominations are added to the Council's list of appointments to Outside Bodies.
3.6	Members should note that, in accordance with the decision of the Committee of 26 th June,
	should any other requests be received for Council representation on Outside Bodies during
	the Council Term, the party or parties who would have had the next available choice(s) under
	the Sainte Lague table will be asked to nominate a representative(s).
3.7	Therefore, the choice to nominate to the NILGA Strategic Policy Network would be offered
	in the first instance to the DUP, with the positions on the UBI Working Group being offered to the Alliance Party and the SDLP.

	Financial and Resource Implications	
	None at this stage.	
	Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment	
	None at this stage.	
4.0	Documents Attached	
	Correspondence from NILGA	
	Correspondence from the Chair of the NI Assembly All-Party Working Group on UBI	