



Subject:	Planning Committee Training
Date:	17 October 2023
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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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 and Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of NILGA's 2023-24 Planning Training Programme for elected members (Appendix 1); seek permission for up to three Planning Committee members to participate in the full programme.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• note the appended NILGA 2023-24 elected member Planning Training Programme; and• approve the attendance of the Chair, Deputy Chair and up to one other member of the Planning Committee, or their nominees, to participate in the Programme.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<u>NILGA 2023-24 Planning Training Programme Invitation</u> NILGA has again created a regional elected member development programme for implementation during 2023-24. The programme builds on the NILGA training initiative co-designed with the elected member development groups and the Regional Working Group.
3.2	The overall NILGA elected member development programme includes a strand in respect of a Local Planning Programme for elected members, a copy of which is set out at Appendix 1 . NILGA has commissioned the six module programme, which will run from November 2023 to

<p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p>	<p>March 2024, developed from previous experience and feedback (Appendix 2). Each module lasts 2.5 half hours normally scheduled for a Friday with the final module comprising a study trip in April 2024 to the Republic of Ireland.</p> <p>The programme will be interactive in nature delivered by a pool of planning practitioners from different sectors. The programme will include short presentations; discussions; case studies and benchmarking practice in other jurisdictions; workshops with role play; question & answer sessions; and the optional site visit as set out in the Appendix 1.</p> <p>A pre-requisite for the enrolment in the programme is that elected members who are nominated to attend must be in a position to complete five taught modules. Elected members who successfully complete the full programme, to a satisfactory standard, will be accredited with an endorsed Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) development award.</p> <p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u> The projected training costs associated with this report are approximately £622 per participant and potential additional optional Study Visit cost. This was met in previous years from existing corporate / departmental training budgets.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no equality or good relations implications associated with this report.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NILGA 2023-24 “Local Planning Leadership Programme for Elected Members” 2. Promotional Leaflet for 2023/34 Local Development Planning Leadership Programme

Appendix 1 - 24th June 2021 Planning Committee – NILGA Local Planning Programme

Programme Outline:

The NILGA Local Planning Programme is an ILM (endorsed award), 7 Module Programme, commencing on the 24th September 2021 and will convene once every month as follows:

Module	Title	Time	Date	Venue
Module 1	Understanding Plan Making and the Role of Councillors	2-4.30pm	24 th September 2021	tbc
Module 2	How Local Development Planning is Linked to Community Planning and Regeneration Activities	2-4.30pm	29 th October 2021	tbc
Module 3	Understanding the Local Development Plan Process from Draft Stage to Adoption	2-4.30pm,	26 th November 2021	tbc
Module 4	Understanding Development Management: The Planning Process and the Role of Councillors, Planning	2-4.30pm,	17 th December 2021	tbc
Module 5	Understanding the Statutory Appeal System and Best Practice	2-4.30pm	28 th January 2022	tbc
Module 6	The Statutory Enforcement Process and the Role of the Planning Committee and other Councillors	2-4.30pm	25 th February 2022	tbc
	Study Trip		3 rd March 2022	tbc
Module 7	Maladministration Charges to the Ombudsmen and the Judicial Review of Planning Decisions	2-4.30pm	25 th March 2022	tbc

Indicative Costs NILGA Local Planning Leadership Programme 2021/22

	30 Council Participants (Per Participant Cost)	20 Council Participants (Per Participant Cost)
Programme Cost	£215	£323
Accreditation Cost	£150	£150
Total Cost	£365	£473

