



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Date:	Friday, 22nd February, 2008
Subject:	National Association of Councillors - Spring Seminar 2008
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Relevant Background Information

The National Association of Councillors, Northern Ireland Region, is holding its Annual Spring Seminar in Cookstown, on Friday, 14th March, 2008.

The focus of the Seminar will be the Review of Public Administration and in particular the future of Local Government in 2009 and beyond.

In addition attendance at the seminar will present Members with an opportunity to explore and discuss, with other Elected Representatives from across Northern Ireland, areas of mutual interest and concern.

Key Issues

The business of the Seminar is such that it will allow Members to explore in detail the implications of the changes anticipated from the Review of Public Administration including the enhanced role for Local Representatives.

The business of the Seminar falls within the criteria set out in Section 38 of the 1972 Local Government (Northern Ireland) Act in that it involves issues connected with the discharge of the functions of the Council and/or affecting the district or its inhabitants.

Resource Implications	
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Recommendations	
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It is recommended that the Committee authorise:

- the attendance at the Conference of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, the Council's representatives on the National Association of Councillors, Northern Ireland Region, the Head of Committee and Members' Services (or their nominees) and a representative of each of the Party Groupings on the Council not represented by the aforementioned Members; and
- the payment of the appropriate travelling allowance in connection therewith.

Key to Abbreviations	
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Documents Attached	
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