



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Local Authorities Members Association – Autumn Seminar
Date:	Friday, 19th August, 2011
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Local Authorities Members Association (LAMA) is holding its Autumn Seminar in Dungarvan, County Waterford from Friday 23rd to Saturday 24th September.
1.2	The theme of the Seminar is 'The Role of Tourism in Economic Recovery'. The keynote speaker at the Conference is Dr. Leo Varadkar TD, Minister of Transport Tourism and Sport. Other expert speakers include Mr. Niall Gibbons, Chief Executive Tourism Ireland and Mr. Damien Tiernan, Chief Correspondent RTE.
1.3	The Council has been represented at LAMA events for a number of years and representatives attending previous Seminars have felt that their attendance gave them a valuable opportunity to meet with Local Government Representatives from throughout Ireland to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern. The theme of this years Seminar is particularly relevant given the current difficult economic climate.

2	Key Issues

2.1	The business of the Conference 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.
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3	Resource Implications										
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4	Equality Implications
	N/A

5	Recommendations
5.1	<p>It is recommended that the Committee authorises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the attendance at the LAMA Autumn Seminar of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, the Council's representatives on the National Association of Councillors, Northern Ireland Region, the Democratic Services Manager (or their nominees) and a representative of each of the Parties on the Council not represented by the aforementioned Members. ▪ the payment of the appropriate travelling and subsistence allowances in connection therewith.

6	Decision Tracking
	<p>Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager</p> <p>September 2011</p>