



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Northern Ireland Local Government Association – Annual Conference and Exhibition
Date:	4 November, 2011
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) will be holding its Annual Conference and Exhibition on 23rd February, 2012 in the Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick. The event will also incorporate the Local Government Awards.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The theme for the conference is ‘ 2012 – Positively Local’ which will be aimed at showcasing and advocating the future role of efficient, effective and innovative councils in Northern Ireland.
2.2	The Council is normally represented at the Annual Conference by its NILGA representatives and the Chief Officers. This year, the Lord Mayor will also be invited by NILGA to attend the event as their guest.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	Delegate Fee: £145 Travel: £ 25 Total per delegate: <u>£170</u>

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 NILGA Annual Conference and Exhibition of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, the Council's representatives on NILGA and the Chief Officers (or their nominees).

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