



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	National Association of Councillors - Annual General Meeting and Conference
<b>Date:</b>	Friday, 19th October, 2012
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Mr. Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (extension 6314)
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Mrs. Julie Lilley, Democratic Services Officer (extension 6321)

<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	The National Association of Councillors is holding its Annual General Meeting and Conference in Bournemouth from Friday, 23rd until Sunday, 25th November.
1.2	This year's Conference will focus on two themes, health and wellbeing and equality in service provision, both of which are extremely important and relevant to local communities. A number of prominent speakers from across the tiers of government will address the conference and take part in a 'Question Time' session.
1.3	The council has been represented at NAC events for a number of years and representatives attending previous conferences have felt that their attendance gave them a valuable opportunity to meet with Local Government Representatives from throughout England, Scotland and Wales to discuss issues which are impacting on Local Authorities.

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	The business of the conference falls within the criteria set out in Section 34 of the Local Government Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 in that it involves issues connected with the interests of the inhabitants of the district or any part of it.

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>								
3.1	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Delegate Fee:</td> <td>£350</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travel:</td> <td>£180</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Accommodation:</td> <td>£120</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total per delegate:</td> <td><u>£650</u></td> </tr> </table>	Delegate Fee:	£350	Travel:	£180	Accommodation:	£120	Total per delegate:	<u>£650</u>
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<b>4</b>	<b>Equality Implications</b>
	N/A

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	<p>It is recommended that the Committee authorises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ the attendance at the National Association of Councillors Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, the Council's representatives on the National Association of Councillors (Northern Ireland Region), and a representative of each of the Parties on the Council not represented by the aforementioned Members.</li> </ul>

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
<p>Officers responsible:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Julie Lilley, Democratic Services Officer</p> <p>November 2011</p>	