



Belfast City Council

Report to	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	NILGA Annual Conference and Exhibition
Date:	22nd November, 2013
Reporting Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (Ext 6314)

1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Notice has been received by the Council (copy attached at Appendix 1) of the details of the NILGA Annual Conference and Exhibition in La Mon House Hotel on 27th February, 2014.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The Council is usually represented at the NILGA Conference each year and this event will focus on "Local Councils – Democracy, Civic Pride and Sustainable Development"
2.2	In addition to the Annual Conference, the Northern Ireland Local Government Awards for 2013 will be held at the event. Should the Council be included in the list of finalists for the awards, it will receive two free tickets for that part of the event.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	The cost of attendance at the Conference, Exhibition and Awards Ceremony is £168 per person. A 5% discount will apply to any bookings made by the end of November.

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
4.1	None.

5	Recommendations
5.1	It is recommended that the Committee approve the attendance at the Annual Conference, Exhibition and Awards Ceremony of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, The Council's representatives on NILGA and the Chief Officers (or their nominees)

6	Decision Tracking
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7	Abbreviations
NILGA – Northern Ireland Local Government Association	

6	Documents Attached
Appendix 1 – Conference details.	