**Belfast City Council**

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| **Subject:** | National Association of Councillors (Northern Ireland Region) Annual General Meeting |
| **Date:** | 22nd September, 2017 |
| **Reporting Officer:** | Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager |
| **Contact Officer:** | Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer |

| **Restricted Reports** | | |
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| **Is this report restricted?** | **Yes** ☐ | **No** ☒ |
| **If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?** | | |
|     **After Committee Decision** | | ☐ |
|     **After Council Decision** | | ☐ |
|     **Some time in the future** | | ☐ |
|     **Never** | | ☐ |

| **Call-in** | | |
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| **Is the decision eligible for Call-in?** | **Yes** ☒ | **No** ☐ |

| 1.0 | **Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues** |
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| 1.1 | To seek approval for attendance at the National Association of Councillors (Northern Ireland Region) AGM to be considered an approved duty. |
| **2.0** | **Recommendation** |
| 2.1 | The Committee is asked to;<br><br>• Approve the attendance of any Member of the Council at the National Association of Councillors Northern Ireland Region AGM. |
| **3.0** | **Main report** |
| | <u>Key Issues</u> |
| 3.1 | The National Association of Councillors (Northern Ireland Region) AGM is being held on Friday 6th October at 11.00a.m. in the Glenavon House Hotel, Cookstown. |

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| 3.2 | Following the meeting, there will be two guest speakers: <br><br> • Kevin Higgins, Head of Policy at Advice NI who will speak on the introduction of Universal Credit; and <br><br> • Marie Anderson, Local Government Commissioner for Standards who will speak on the Councillors' Code of Conduct. |
| 3.3 | All Councillors are entitled to attend the AGM and accordingly authority is being sought to authorise the attendance at the meeting of any Member of the Council who so wishes and to consider it as an approved duty. <br><br> <u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> |
| 3.4 | Motor Mileage costs, which will be covered from existing budgets. <br><br> <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> |
| 3.5 | None. |
| **4.0** | **Appendices – Documents Attached** |
| | None. |