## NILGA Annual Conference, Exhibition and Local Government Awards

**Subject:** NILGA Annual Conference, Exhibition and Local Government Awards  
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- After Committee Decision
- After Council Decision
- Some time in the future
- Never

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### Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.0 **Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues**

1.1 To consider the attendance of Members at the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) Annual Conference, Exhibition and the Local Government Awards dinner.

### Recommendations

2.0 **Recommendations**

2.1 The Committee is asked to;
- Approve the attendance of the Council representatives on NILGA at the Annual Conference, Exhibition and Local Government Awards dinner on 20th February.
### 3.0 Main report

#### 3.1 Key Issues

The NILGA Annual Conference will take place this year at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on 20\textsuperscript{th} February 2020 (see attached draft agenda – Appendix 1). The Council is represented on NILGA by a 10 Members across the political parties. The normal practice is to authorise those representatives to attend the Annual Conference if they so desire.

#### 3.2 In addition, later that evening the Northern Ireland Local Government Awards dinner will be held. The Awards set out to showcase excellence in service delivery across the work of the Councils.

#### Financial and Resource Implications

3.3 There are two free places for each council, with a cost for each additional day delegate at the conference only costing - £99 plus VAT; and day delegate plus awards dinner - £145 plus VAT.

3.4 Any cost for attendance at the conference and/or awards dinner can be met from within existing budgets.

#### Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

3.5 None.

### 4.0 Appendices – Documents Attached

Appendix 1 – Draft agenda for the 2020 NILGA Annual Conference