

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Elected Members Conference Report</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>7 January 2020</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>DECISION</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Provide Civic Leadership
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal Costs to be met, as detailed below, from Conference Budget (£8,000 allocated proportionally) £200 per Councillor	
Included in Current Year Estimates	<b>Yes</b>
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

## 1. Purpose of report

To inform Councillors about conferences they may wish to attend.

## 2. The following is listed for consideration:

### 2.1 National Association of Councillors and the University of Sunderland Certificate for Councillors

The NAC are in the process of setting up another University Certificate for Councillors, in conjunction with Sunderland University and are inviting you to nominate Councillors to participate.

The dates for the first sessions are 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and will be held in Hartlepool Civic Centre, dates for the second and third weekend will be decided with the students during the first weekend.

#### **Student Fees: £1850.00 plus VAT**

This fee includes University Fees for the student, including hotel and meals for the third taught weekend sessions which will be held in Northern Ireland.

As there are a limited number of places we will have to select on a first come first served basis, although we are also looking for a geographical spread to assist in the sharing of experiences and best practice across the UK.

### 2.2 Councils Driving the Local Economy Event (NILGA)

As part of the work of the Economy and International Affairs Policy and Learning Network, NILGA are holding an event around local economy.

Each council is invited to send up to **eight** representatives (Elected Members and Officers) NILGA Full Members should be given priority to attend this free event, following their responses places can then be offered to other Elected Members and Council Officers, it may be of more interest to those members and officers with an interest in the Economy or working within Economic Development.

- Date - 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020, Canal Court Hotel, Newry
- Cost - FREE

### 2.3 National Association of Councillors Environment / Climate Change Conference

As the new government has promised to reduce carbon emissions throughout the United Kingdom we all strive to reduce damage to the Environment in various ways. Local Authorities are driving ahead with innovative projects both to protect the environment and give good value for money schemes to the public.

- Date: 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020, The Ripon Spa Best Western Hotel, Ripon, (North Yorkshire)
- Cost: £350 + VAT

### **3. Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that Council consider the above correspondence.