



Title of Report:	Conferences Courses
Committee Report Submitted To:	Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	7 February 2023
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	All themes
Outcome	All outcomes
Lead Officer	Chief Executive

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	NAC Delegate Fee: £350 plus VAT Accommodation: £85 Plus VAT per night NILGA Delegate Fee: £99
Included in Current Year Estimates	
Capital/Revenue	
Code	50001- 1921
Staffing Costs	

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

1.0 Purpose of report

The purpose of the report is to inform Elected Members of conferences and courses they may wish to attend.

Elected Members should contact Democratic Services to register interest.

2.0 The following is listed:

2.1 National Association of Councillors (NAC) UK Conference

Regeneration Opportunities, Learning Weekend

Venue: The Best Western, Station Hotel, Carlisle

Date: 24-26 February 2023

Delegate Fee: £350 plus VAT

Accommodation: £85 Plus VAT per night

Booking Condition: Please note that a charge is payable on any bookings cancelled.

2.2 Local Government Conference 2023

Date: Thursday 23 February 2023

Venue: Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh.

Delegate Fee: £99

Theme: *“Responding to Future Challenges”* and will focus on how local government should innovate and collaborate across all sectors to achieve its ambitions.

NILGA and Solace NI encourage councillors and officers from the 11 Councils to attend this conference, the main event of the 2023 Local Government calendar.

Programme: <https://www.nilga.org/events/2023/february/lg-conference>

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council note the Conferences listed.



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Regeneration Opportunities, Learning Weekend

The Best Western, Station Hotel, Carlisle

24th-26th February 2023

Dear Colleagues,

This NAC learning weekend is being held in the popular city of Carlisle at the Station Hotel, which is located in the city centre. The hotel has great transport links and a large car park to the rear.

In towns and villages across the UK we all face the problems of shops closing and trade dropping. This leads to unemployment and our local economies suffering as a consequence. High streets are recognised as important hubs of social interaction and cohesion. As well as providing local jobs, they are a visible indicator of how well, or how badly, a local economy is doing.

The days of our town and city centres being used exclusively for retail are over. Councils and communities need to take regeneration opportunities to push the local economy. Increasing activity and income, with a mix of shopping, socialising, culture, health & wellbeing. Bustling with people, services and jobs, delivering a vibrant economy during the day and in the evening. This NAC Regeneration opportunity learning weekend will examine the problems we face and consider a range of initiatives designed to revive town and village centres and our local economies.

This event will provide opportunities to hear a range of speakers from Local Government and partners. Delegates will participate in Q&A sessions as well as contribute to the learning workshops. This learning weekend will benefit elected members from every tier of local government in all parts of the UK.

If you wish to attend this event, please return the form overleaf.

Yours Faithfully

B. Nelson

Councillor Brian Nelson

National Secretary