



Title of Report:	Conference Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	3 September 2024
For Decision or For Information	FOR DECISION
To be discussed In Committee	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership
Outcome	Council operates as one effective and efficient corporate unit with a common purpose and culture
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£165pp +VAT + subsistence
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	
Code	3101-62507
Staffing Costs	

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	YES/NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	YES/NO

Screening Requirements	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:

1.0 Purpose of report

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

2.0 The following is listed:

2.1 Northern Ireland Economic Conference 2024

Date: Wednesday 20 November 2024

Venue: Titanic Hotel, Belfast, Belfast

Delegate Fee: Delegate fee £255 + VAT

Voluntary/community/council delegate fee £165 + VAT

The Northern Ireland Economic Conference, now in its 29th year, is Northern Ireland's premier economic analysis event and is unique in being the only forum that takes a high-level look at the performance of, and prospects for the local economy. It is firmly established as the annual autumn summit for Northern Ireland's economic community, including policy makers and business leaders.

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The performance of the Northern Ireland economy remains a challenge. Budgetary pressures mean that spending is constrained, at a time when Northern Ireland's economy needs to address long-standing issues such as being a laggard in terms of productivity and having high rates of working age economic inactivity. To address these challenges, the Economy Minister Conor Murphy MLA announced his vision for the local economy; to create good jobs, promote regional balance in the economy, raise productivity and achieve a net zero carbon economy by 2050. Underpinning his four strategic aims, the Minister has recalibrated the Department's skills agenda and proposed a range of interventions to align with these objectives.

In June, Minister Murphy launched action plans designed to enhance growth across seven of the most innovative, productive and export-orientated economic sectors. This year's programme will include a panel discussion with representatives from the seven growth areas:

- Agri-tech;
- Life and health sciences;
- Advanced manufacturing, materials and engineering;
- Fintech/Financial services;
- Software (including cybersecurity);
- Screen industries; and
- Low carbon technologies (including green hydrogen).

For further information regarding the event and how to book tickets please see the following link.

- [Northern Ireland Economic Conference 2024 \(agendani.com\)](https://www.agendani.com)

Elected Members should contact Democratic Services to register interest.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council consider the Conference report.