

ELECTED MEMBERS' CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE	25 February 2020
CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Provide Civic Leadership
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services
Cost: (If applicable)	Costs to be met, as detailed below, from Conference Budget (£8,000 allocated proportionally) £200 per Councillor

1. Purpose of report

To inform Councillors about conferences that they may wish to attend.

2. The following is listed for consideration:

2.1 Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NIGLA)

Correspondence has been received from NIGLA informing Members of the Caring Councils: A Local Government Response to Poverty, Addiction and Improving Mental Health Conference.

Date: Friday 27 March 2020
Venue: Girdwood Community Hub, Belfast
Cost: NIL

3. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council consider the request.



DRAFT AGENDA

**Caring Councils: A local government response
to poverty, addiction and improving mental health**

**27th March 2020
Girdwood Community Hub
Belfast**



Following on from the Fermanagh and Omagh DC conference “The Struggle is Real” in February 2020, the NILGA Health, Social and Well-being Network would like to invite members and officers from all 11 councils - particularly NILGA ‘full’ members - to the ‘Caring Councils’ conference on 27th March 2020.

We will be exploring the links between poverty, poor mental health and addiction, and discussing how councils can have a positive impact in communities.

Speakers Include:

Helen Barnard Joseph Rowntree Foundation (invited)

Prof. Siobhan O’Neill Professor of Mental Health Science, Ulster University (confirmed)

Sam McCullough Addiction NI (confirmed)

Ed McClean, Public Health Agency NI (invited)

Kim Weir, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (confirmed)

Ryan Black, Belfast City Council (confirmed)

Lisa McIlherron, Inspire Well-being (confirmed)

Jackie Patton, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council (confirmed)

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Draft Agenda

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Time	Topic	Speaker
10.00—10.30	Registration, tea and coffee	
10.30 – 10.35	Welcome to Belfast	Belfast City Council—Lord Mayor (invited)
10.35 – 10.40	Welcome from NILGA and outline of the day	Cllr John Coyle, Chairperson - NILGA Health, Social & Environmental Well-being Network
	Poverty and Health	
10.40 – 11.10	Poverty in Northern Ireland: A crisis situation?	Helen Barnard Joseph Rowntree Foundation (invited)
11.10 – 11.20	The Struggle is Real: from debate to action	Kim Weir, Fermanagh & Omagh DC
11.20—11.40	The Impact of Poverty on Health in NI: A Public Health Approach	Ed McClean, Public Health Agency (invited)
11.40 – 12.00	Poverty and Mental Ill-Health: Addressing the high levels of suicide in NI	Prof Siobhan O'Neill, Ulster University
12.00 – 12.20	The links between poverty and addiction - and how to break them	Sam McCullough, Addiction NI
12.20—12.40	Panel Debate/Q&A	
12.45 – 1.30	Lunch and networking	
	Community and Council Response	
1.30 – 1.50	The 'Change Your Mind' campaign: Tackling stigma and discrimination around mental health	Lisa McIlherron, Inspire Wellbeing
1.50 – 2.10	What can a council do? <i>The Belfast City Council experience</i>	Ryan Black, Director of Neighbourhood Services, Belfast City Council
2.10 – 2.30	What can a council do? <i>The Mid and East Antrim Borough Council experience</i>	Jackie Patton, Head of Community Planning, Mid & East Antrim BC
2.30—2.45	What can a councillor do? - developing the local government response	Round table discussion
2.45—3.00	Feedback and Next Steps	Karen Smyth

This event is **FREE** for NI Elected Members and Officers.
Places are limited hence early registration is recommended.

Email events@nilga.org by the 13th March 2020,
quoting NILGA: Caring Councils 27.03.2020