

Title of Report: Nomination to NILGA's Regional Elected Member Development Working Group	Officer Presenting: Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer Author: Democratic Services Officer
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To seek endorsement of the nomination from the Council's Elected Member Development Group for a Member to sit on the on NILGA's Regional Elected Member Development Working Group.

2 Background

- 2.1 NILGA has developed a Regional Elected Member Development Working Group and seeks one representation from each of the 11 Council's Elected Member Development Groups onto this Regional group. Copy of request attached (Appendix 1).
- 2.2 The key objectives of this Regional Group will be (i) to support Members and Councils in their pursuit of Charter and Charter Plus accreditation (ii) oversight and scrutiny of the implementation and delivery of the NILGA/LGTG Regional Programme for Elected Member development (iii) collective analysis of Member development and capacity building at UK wide level to examine and develop best practice approaches and (iv) develop and promote Member and Officer culture around a learning and development vision and ethos.
- 2.3 The current Members of the Council's Elected Member Development Group are: Alderman Thompson and M Hamilton and Councillors Boyle, C Kelly and O'Reilly.
- 2.4 At the Council's Elected Member Development Group meeting held on 5 December 2017, Councillor C Kelly was nominated to be the Council representative on the regional group.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 As a Council which strives for innovation and continual progression in the area of Elected Member development, there is value in having Council representation on this Regional Group. The benefits to be derived include the following:

- Access to programmes of learning that increase and enhance Elected Member decision making competency and confidence.
- Appreciation of the value to be had from diverse contributions pre decision making.
- Creating an environment within which Elected Members operate in common purpose and understanding to deliver optimal decisions for local ratepayers.
- Leadership development through networking across sectors, coaching, study visits, action learning, reflection and innovation that showcase best practice.
- Savings in staff time and costs in procuring learning in areas of common interest across all Councils.

3.2 The Group will meet quarterly and the first meeting is scheduled for early in the new year.

3.3 As with other annual memberships, Council's membership on this group will be considered for renewal at the Council's Annual General Meeting.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and other Implications

4.1 As the Council representative on this external body, the Member will be entitled to claim any mileage or subsistence costs associated with their attendance at meetings of this group.

5 Recommendation

5.1 To approve Councillor C Kelly as the Council's representative on NILGA's Regional Elected Member Development Working Group.