

<b>Title of Report:</b>  <b>National Association of Councillors Environment Conference</b>	<b>Officer Presenting: Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer</b>  <b>Author: Democratic Services Officer</b>
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## **1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations**

- 1.1 To consider Member attendance at the National Association of Councillors Environment Conference.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 The National Association of Councillors is holding an Environment Conference from 19 – 21 January 2018 in Leeds.
- 2.2 The draft agenda and conference costing are attached at Appendices 1 and 2.

## **3 Key Issues**

- 3.1 The conference agenda is currently in draft form and it is likely that the finalised agenda may not be available until early in the New Year. It is necessary however to bring this conference to Committee at this time, due to the close proximity of the conference date, the requirement for advance Council approval of costs and the need for the attending Member to have notice of the dates for their diary.
- 3.2 The conference will cover the following topics: Waste Management, Air Pollution, Construction and Local Authority Energy Delivery Schemes and their effect on the environment. The majority of these topics are relevant to the functions of the Council's Environment and Regeneration Committee.
- 3.3 Experts in these areas will address the conference and provide valuable information on how Councillors can effectively address these key matters within Council.
- 3.4 Council's representatives on the NAC are: Aldermen Bresland and Kerrigan; and Councillors Duffy, Hastings, Jackson, C Kelly, R Mc Hugh and Mc Keever.

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

- 4.1 The costing for Member attendance at this conference are attached. Costs will be covered within the Members Conference budget.

## **5 Recommendation**

5.1 That one Member is nominated to attend this conference; either a member of the NAC or the Chair / Member of the Environment and Regeneration Committee.