

<p>Title of Report:</p> <p><b>NILGA Use of Data and Evidence in Community Planning</b></p>	<p>Officer presenting: <b>Lead Democratic &amp; Improvement Services Officer</b></p> <p>Author: <b>Mayoral &amp; Member Services Officer</b></p>
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## **1 Purpose of Report / Recommendations**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for Members to attend a free one- day workshop on the Use of Data and Evidence in Community Planning on Friday 15th February 2019 in the Antrim Civic Centre.

## **2 Background**

2.1 Council is in receipt of an invitation from NILGA in association with Carnegie and NISRA to attend the above mentioned workshop to be held on Friday 15 February 2019 at 10.30 am to 1 pm.

2.2 NILGA advise that the event would be of relevance to Elected Members and will improve understanding, participating and competence in evidence-based scrutiny and decision making.

## **3. Key Issues**

3.1 The workshop will cover the following:

Gathering and using evidence - what it is, how it's done and understanding its importance in impactful decision-making.

Types of evidence to use

Role of statisticians

Using the evidence - reflection on community planning experiences to date

The Councillor role in evidence-based scrutiny and decision making

## **4.0 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR and Other Implications**

4.1 This is a free one- day event with the only associated costs being travel expenses.

## **5.0 Recommendations**

5.1 That the Committee approve attendance by any interested Member in this event and that such Members contact the Members Services Officer so the necessary arrangements can be put in place.

6.0 Backup

Notice of Invitation from NILGA with details on event.