

<b>Title of Report:</b>  <b>Membership of Organisations / Associations 2019/20</b>	<b>Officer Presenting: Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer</b>  <b>Author: As above</b>
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## **1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations**

- 1.1 To seek Elected Member approval in relation to the continued membership of a number of organisations/ associations.
- 1.2 To designate as an 'approved duty' attendance at events /meetings/training organised by the relevant organisation/associations.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 Derry City and Strabane currently is a member / subscribes to a range of organisations that support local government or council endorsed activities. In many cases, Elected Members take part in activities and/or play a role in the governance of these bodies.
- 2.2 At present those organisations (with indicative costs) which are funded via the corporate budget are as follows:
  - Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) (membership cost for 2019/20 £48, 914 – no increase from 2018/19)
  - National Association of Councillors (NAC) (Membership cost for 2019/20 £3200 – no increase from 2018/19)
  - Friends of the Somme (Membership cost for 2016/17, £780 +vat)
  - Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) (Membership cost for 2018/19, £3264 + vat, cost for 2019/20 £3566). There is an additional fee for the APSE Performance Networks NI benchmarking service of £3587 + vat for 2018/19, 2019/20 cost: £3677 +vat).
  - NI Local Government Partnership on Traveller Issues (Membership cost for 2017/18, £500 +vat)

### **3 Key Issues**

- 3.1 Individual organisations submit reports at different times of the year, this report provides an overview of the indicative costs associated with membership of the specified organisations.
- 3.2 Details of NILGA's subscription and work plan are provided at Appendices 1 and 2.
- 3.3 In the event that Members require further information on the role, etc. of an individual organisation / association, a report can be brought back.

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

- 4.1 Provision has been made within the rates for the continued membership of the above the organisations/ associations.

### **5 Recommendations**

- 5.1 That, subject to Members' comments that membership of the organisations/ associations is maintained for 2019/20.
- 5.2 That where Council membership is approved, attendance at events / meetings / training organised by the relevant organisation/ association is deemed an 'approved duty'.

### **Background Papers**

- GSP 68/18 Membership of Organisations / Associations 2018/19