

Title of Report: NILGA Update	Officer presenting: Strategic Business Manager Author: Strategic Business Manager
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with a copy of correspondence issued to the Chief Executive from the NILGA Office bearers dated 08.10.2020 and the NILGA weekly bulletins issued in October 2020.
- 1.2 It is recommended that members note the contents of this report and its appendices.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) is the representative body for the 11 councils in NI. It promotes, develops and champions local government by developing regional (all Council) approaches to key issues affecting the sector, including elected member development, collective lobbying, policy formulation, best practice events and campaigns to improve democracy and public services.
- 2.2 The NILGA Office Bearers meet weekly and have produced a weekly bulletin following their meetings. The Office bearers have requested that copies of the bulletin are tabled as a standing item at a relevant council committee.

3. Key Issues

- 3.1 The 29th September 2020 NILGA weekly bulletin highlights the importance of partnership working which to date has yielded £71 million during 2020-21 for the 11 councils, with more effort now being applied to retrieve additional investment for this financial year.
- 3.2 The 06 October Bulletin outlines that SOLACE have prepared a letter on Council Future Funding and recovery, preparations for the forthcoming NILGA executive meeting and an NILGA economy and international affairs network meeting and outlines that NILGA.

- 3.3 The Bulletin entitled "NILGA Councils Alert: Tourism, COVID & The Economy, Place Shaping, Planning Policy & £2.4bn Additional Funding for NI Remain High on the Agenda." Was issued following the NILGA Office Bearers meeting held on the 20th October.
- 3.4 The correspondence and the three bulletins are duly attached at appendix one for Members information.

4. Financial, Equality, Legal, HR and Other Implications

- 2.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Subject to Members' views, it is recommended that Members note the contents of this report.