



# National Association of Councillors Northern Ireland Region Members' Newsletter July to September 2022

## NAC NI Conference

A conference in recognition of the NAC NI Region's 30 Years of operation is taking place on Tuesday 27 September 2022 in Cookstown at the [Glenavon House Hotel](#) and On-line by Zoom.

The '**NAC at 30 years, Defining Our Positive Future**' conference will be facilitated by NILGA former CE, Mr Derek McCallan and has been arranged with support from NILGA.

All Councillors are welcome to attend in person, if you haven't done so already, please send an email to register a place to: [office@nac-ni.org](mailto:office@nac-ni.org)

## Meetings Update

Since our last Newsletter NAC Members' Meetings were held in Belfast on 25<sup>th</sup> May and Coleraine on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Both meetings were in hybrid format to allow those that were unable to attend in-person to join in on-line.

At the Causeway Coast & Glens (CC&G) hosted meeting, Mayor Ivor Wallace was in attendance to welcome the NAC Members and Ald Yvonne Boyle attended as a guest. Presentations were delivered by the CC&G Women's Working Group Chair, Councillor Leanne Peacock and Vice Chair, Alderman Michelle Knight-McQuillan.



There was a positive response and support from attendees in the Chamber and those joining virtually, presentations can be viewed from links on the [Information Page](#) on the NAC NI website.

The **NAC AGM** will take place in October, details are on Page 2 of this Newsletter. The next NAC Members Meeting will be hosted by Fermanagh & Omagh District Council in Enniskillen Town Hall on **Wednesday 16 November 2022**.

## NAC UK Conferences

Conferences were held in Scarborough in April; Southport in June and an Executive Meeting took place in South Shields in May. The presentations from NAC UK Conferences on *Community Empowerment* and *Emergency Planning & Resilience* can be viewed by clicking links on the [Information Page](#) of the NAC NI website.

Details for future conferences, when available, will be in circulated to all NAC members and councils.

## Councillor Equality

The NAC Executive Committee (EC) have been continuing to work on progressing a review of the Councillor role, on behalf of NAC members. On 7 June, an email and document detailing the EC's work to date on this was sent to all Members with Council Chief Executives copied in, this can be viewed by [clicking here>>](#)

In July, Members and Councils were asked for details of additional work that they carried out during COVID-19. The information gathered may be used for strengthening our case for the review of the Councillor role which is currently in progress by the DfC Minister.

## Consultation Response LGPS

In December 2021 the NAC provided a detailed response to a consultation held by the Department for Communities on the Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2022.

The Regulations were made on 24 March 2022 and came into operation from 18 April 2022 and the Department has published the Synopsis of Responses and Departmental Response to the consultation, this can be viewed at-

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-local-government-pension-scheme-amendment-regulations-northern-ireland-2022>



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**NAC NI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022  
FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2022  
GLENAVON HOUSE HOTEL COOKSTOWN**

The NAC NI AGM is open to all members of the association, further details including timings and the agenda are circulated during the month prior to the meeting.

The AGM covers the items below and no other business or discussions will be entered into as these can be raised at the bi-monthly Members' Meetings.

- Receive the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
- Receive a Report from the Secretary on activities of the Association during the preceding year
- Receive an Audited Statement of Accounts for the preceding financial year
- Elect members of the Executive Committee (Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer are two yearly appointments)

However, the meeting can include appropriate resolutions provided that they have been notified to the Secretary 28 days prior to the AGM with the name of the Mover and Seconder in writing. No other resolution, other than Motions of Procedure shall be permitted and only 8 delegates per council will be allowed to vote. (Those delegates as nominated by their council).

**If you wish to put forward a resolution, please submit it by Friday 23 September 2022 in writing by post or email, you will receive an email confirming receipt.**

If you are not a nominated delegate and would like to attend the AGM, you will need to seek approval from your Council prior to the meeting if you wish to claim your appropriate allowances.

For further details please email: [office@nac-ni.org](mailto:office@nac-ni.org)

**NAC NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022  
25 to 27 NOVEMBER 2022  
CARLISLE STATION HOTEL**

This event is arranged by the NAC National Secretary, Cllr Brian Nelson, and details will be circulated by NAC NI to all members and councils, as and when they become available.

For enquiries or booking information please contact Cllr Nelson directly on 07791 574879 or by emailing: [nationalsecretary@nac-uk.org](mailto:nationalsecretary@nac-uk.org)