



New NAC Northern Ireland Region Chair Appointed – October 2021



Councillor Terry Andrews has been appointed as Chair of the National Association of Councillors, NI Region at the NAC NI Annual General Meeting which took place in Cookstown on 15 October 2021.

Councillor Andrews thanked his fellow-party members, Councillor Dermot Curran, and Councillor Christine McFlynn sincerely, for proposing and seconding his nomination in the election of officers which was presided over by the National Secretary of the NAC, Councillor Brian Nelson. The newly appointed Chair then went on to say:

“I would like to pay tribute to my predecessor Alderman Sandford who I worked alongside as his deputy for two years, I found him to be kind, courteous and a pleasure to work with and I wish Tommy all the best for the future. I look forward to working with my colleagues and good friends on the NAC along with our sister local government organisations, Government Departments and Agencies over the coming term ending in 2023 and to maintaining and enhancing our close relationships with them and being part of a great team of Councillors”.

Cllr Andrews also said that he is honoured and proud to be appointed as Chairperson and that he will do his best for colleagues and members, especially in the times that we are now in and facing the many challenges that lay ahead.



Earlier the outgoing Chair, Alderman Tommy Sandford opened the AGM saying that the day would be one of mixed feelings for him as it would be his last event as Chair of the NAC Northern Ireland region. He said that he has been actively involved in this organisation over many years and is very proud to have been part of the Executive Committee here in Northern Ireland and to have carried out the role of Chair for the past two years. He thanked the NAC Secretary Councillor Joe Boyle, the NAC Treasurer Alderman Angus Carson, and the members of the NAC Executive Committee for their support and input to the organisation.

He also paid tribute to the NAC UK Officers saying he has enjoyed meeting and engaging with NAC Members across the regions by attending the UK conferences; he also spoke of the good working relationship and that has developed with fellow councillors across Ireland through their respective representative organisations - the Association of Irish Local Government, AILG and the Local Authority Members Association, LAMA.