



Members' Newsletter April 2019

NAC/LAMA Four of the NAC's Executive Committee attended the LAMA Spring Conference at Carrick-on-Shannon on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th March. A presentation on the NAC's structure, achievements and objectives was delivered by NAC Chairman, Ald Henderson and Secretary, Cllr Boyle.

Councillor Equality A response was received in relation to a request made to John Kelpie, the Chair of SOLACE, for SOLACE members to discuss uniformity across all councils regarding the provision of resources, materials and benefits to councillors. We were advised that "It was agreed that this was matter for each Council to consider".

LG TG Review We have not been informed of any progress that may have been made on the review of the Local Government Training Group and how accrued funds will be used. The last two arranged meetings were postponed but we are currently attempting to get an update.

Code of Conduct Review Following decisions taken at the February NAC Members' Meeting, we sent a letter to the recently appointed Permanent Secretary of The DfC, Ms Tracy Meharg and received a response. We also had meetings with NILGA and they are working with us in an attempt to progress the review and to voice concerns in relation to re-elected and newly elected councillors having to sign acceptance of the Code of Conduct in its current form.

LGiU Ireland A talk was provided by Andy Johnston at our April Members' Meeting, which gave an insight into the work that his organisation is carrying out. Councillors found this to be very interesting and informative. The presentation will be circulated.

GDPR Councillors are now exempt from paying Data Collection fees, further details have been circulated by the NAC to all Councillors.

The NAC NI Annual General Meeting Will take place on Friday 4th October 2019 at the Glenavon House Hotel in Cookstown.

The next NAC NI Members' Meeting will take place on Wednesday 19 June 2019 at 11:00am, the venue is to be confirmed and details will be circulated and published.

The NAC Officers convey their best wishes to all Councillors that will be standing for office again in the upcoming elections, and for those standing down, we wish you well in whichever path you may take in the future.