



Members' Newsletter June 2019

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL RE-ELECTED AND
NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS FROM
THE OFFICERS OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS**

**WE WISH ALL OF YOU THE VERY BEST
IN YOUR SERVICE OVER THE NEXT TERM OF OFFICE
AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR
MEMBERS' MEETINGS.**

Code of Conduct Review

Following a decision taken at the April NAC Members' Meeting, a formal protest was agreed upon in relation to voicing councillors concerns on:

- a) Having to sign acceptance of the Code of Conduct in its current form when taking up office.
- b) The abject failure of the Northern Ireland Local Government Commissioner for Standards to engage meaningfully and constructively with the National Association of Councillors on how their office conducts its operations.

Chief Executives are being asked to advise the Department for Communities and the NI Local Government Commissioner's office of our members' concerns.

An update of this process was reported at the recent NAC Members' Meeting and it was agreed that the protest will continue into July and members will be updated on progress made at the next Members' Meeting.

We have also continued to correspond with the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Communities, Ms Tracy Meharg on the progress of the Code of Conduct review.



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Local Government Training Group (LGTG) Review

At the April Members' Meeting we were informed that the LGTG review proposals have been sent to councils but not shared with the NAC, as agreed. We wrote to the Chair of the review group, Mr Stephen Reid on 28th May 2019 expressing our disappointment of being excluded from this process and requesting an update for our members, no reply has been received. Following a decision taken at the recent Members' Meeting we will be writing to Mr Reid again on this matter.

Introducing NAC

Letters of Introduction with an Information Sheet detailing what we do has been sent by the NAC to all Government Departments with a request that we are included in any relevant consultations.

NILGA Councillors Guide 2019

A link to the NILGA Councillors Guide has been forwarded by the NAC to all councillors, this is a valuable resource for councillors to help support them in the role.

You can access and download the guide by clicking the link below >>

[NILGA Councillor Guide 2019](#)

NAC UK Conference

Details of the next National Association of Councillors UK Conference have been sent to all NI councillors and councils.

The conference "*Regeneration of Towns & Villages*" will be taking place at The Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport on the 28th to 30th June 2019.

For enquiries please contact the NAC UK General Secretary directly:

Councillor Brian Nelson on 0191 3789947 or 0779 1574879 or by email ~
generalsecretary@nationalassociationofcouncillors.org

The next NAC NI Members' Meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st August 2019 at 11:00am, the venue is to be confirmed and details will be circulated and published on our website – www.nationalassociationofcouncillorsni.org.uk