



19 February 2025

**To: Each Member of the Council**

Dear Member

**MEETING OF ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBAY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

A meeting of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council will be held in the **Council Chamber, Mossley Mill** on **Monday 24 February 2025** at **6.30 pm**.

You are requested to attend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Baker".

Richard Baker, GM MSc  
**Chief Executive, Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council**

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## AGENDA

- 1 Bible Reading and Prayer (In accordance with Standing Orders, Members are not required to attend for this part of the meeting and, following this part of the meeting, Members outside the Chamber will be called to the meeting).
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Declarations of Interest
- 4 To take as read and confirm the minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council held on Monday 27 January 2025, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 5 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Operation Committee Meeting of Monday 3 February 2025, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 6 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance of Tuesday 4 February 2025, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 7 To take as read and confirm the minutes of the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council held on Monday 10 February 2025, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 8 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Community Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 10 February 2025, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 9(a) To take as read and confirm the Part 1 of the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 February 2025, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 10 PRESENTATION
  - 10.1 Northern Ireland Water Update
- 11 ITEM FOR DECISION
  - 11.1 NILGA Local Government Awards 2025
- 12 ITEM IN COMMITTEE
  - 12.1 Collaborative Tender for the Provision of Public Analyst Services

## **10 PRESENTATION**

### **10.1 G/MSMO/7 NORTHERN IRELAND WATER UPDATE**

#### **1. Purpose**

**The purpose of this presentation is to provide Members with an update on the on the works of Northern Ireland Water across the Borough.**

#### **2. Introduction**

Members are advised that Dr Stephen Blockwell, Head of Investment Management, Engineering and Sustainability Director and Mr David McCullough, Head of Wastewater Production Line, Customer and Operations Directorate, will be in attendance to provide an update on the works of Northern Ireland Water.

#### **3. Recommendation**

**It is recommended that the presentation be noted.**

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Richard Baker, Chief Executive

## 11 ITEM FOR DECISION

### 11.1 PT/CI/067 NILGA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS 2025

#### 1. Purpose

**The purpose of this report is to recommend to Members to note the outcome of the Council's submissions to the NILGA, Local Government Awards 2025, and seek approval for attendance at the Awards Ceremony.**

#### 2. Background

The NILGA Local Government Awards recognise and celebrate excellence in service delivery in local government. They showcase the best examples of service provision, new initiatives and commitment from councils, councillors and officers. The categories are designed to acknowledge innovation, and individual commitment and to highlight the best working practices while providing opportunities for those working within local government a chance to step forward and shine.

Speaking at the launch, NILGA President Councillor Alison Bennington said *"The 1st April 2025 will be the 10th Anniversary of the new councils being established, as we enter this momentous year, it's important to recognise the positive changes that have taken place in local government. A huge amount of hard work and dedication has gone into modernising and improving councils to benefit local people and communities"*.

#### 3. Award Finalists and Ceremony

The Council has been shortlisted as Award Finalists in the following categories:

- **Best Outcome of the Past Decade Award**  
Leisure – Transformation and Modernisation into a UK Awards Wining Service
- **Service Innovation & Improvement Award**  
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- **Engaging Communities Award**  
Community Development - Family Support Supermarket
- **Best Initiative by a Councillor Award**  
Councillor Mark Cooper BEM – Transformative Leadership  
Alderman Julian McGrath – Anti-Poverty Strategy
- **Innovative Planning for the Future Award**  
Organisation Development - iLead Development Programme

Nominees are judged by an independent panel, with Finalists in each category invited to attend the Awards Recognition Celebration at the **Game of Thrones Studio, Banbridge, on Thursday 27 March 2025.**

#### 4. Financial Implication

The cost of attending the Awards Ceremony is £65.00 plus VAT per attendee, which will be met within current budgets.

#### 5. Attendance

It is proposed that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Julian McGrath, Councillor Mark Cooper BEM, Chairs of Council Committees, or their nominees, attend as an approved duty along with the relevant Officers. The Council's NILGA Elected Member representatives will be invited to attend the Ceremony as guests of NILGA.

#### 6. Recommendation

**It is recommended that:**

- a) The Councils success at being shortlisted as Finalists for 5 Award categories at the NILGA Local Government Awards 2025, be noted.**
- b) The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Julian McGrath, Councillor Mark Cooper BEM, Chairs of Council Committees, or their nominees, attend along with the relevant Officers as an approved duty.**

Prepared by: Allen Templeton, Performance Improvement Officer

Agreed by: Katherine Young, Organisation Development & Employee Engagement Manager

Approved By: Helen Hall, Director of Organisation Development (Interim)