

Title of Report:	Conference Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	6 October 2026
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee	No

Linkage to Council Plan 2026–2031	
Strategic Theme	Governance, Quality & Continuous Improvement
Outcome	Continuous improvement embedded in all services based on evidence, performance data, and customer feedback
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	See cost against each Conference
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	YES/NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	YES/NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform Elected Members of conferences and courses they may wish to attend.

2.0 The following is listed:

2.1 agendaNi, Annual Northern Ireland Economic Conference 2026 (email received 14 September 2026)

Date: Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 9:00am – 5:00pm
Location: Titanic Hotel Belfast, Queen's Road, Titanic Quarter, Belfast.
BT3 9DT
Cost:- Discounted rate for voluntary/community/councils £195 + VAT
@ 20% = £234

The Northern Ireland Economic Conference, now in its 31st year, is Northern Ireland's premier forum for economic analysis and debate. As the only event dedicated to providing a strategic, high-level assessment of the performance and future prospects of the Northern Ireland economy, it has become firmly established as the annual autumn summit for the region's economic community, bringing together policymakers, business leaders, academics and other key stakeholders.

Creating good jobs, promoting regional balance, raising productivity and reducing carbon emissions

The Northern Ireland economy continues to face significant challenges. Fiscal pressures have constrained public spending at a time when the region must address long-standing issues, including persistently low productivity and high levels of economic inactivity among the working-age population. Against this backdrop, Economy Minister Caoimhe Archibald MLA has set out an economic vision centred on four strategic priorities: creating good jobs, promoting regional balance, raising productivity, and achieving a net zero carbon economy by 2050. Underpinning these ambitions is a refocused skills agenda, supported by a range of policy interventions designed to equip people, businesses and communities with the capabilities needed to drive sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

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Members wishing to attend this event should contact Democratic Services.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council consider the Conference report.