

Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

To: Corporate Policy and Resources Committee

Developing a Programme for Local Government
2016-2020

17 November 2015

For Decision

Linkage to Corporate Plan	
Strategic Priority	Leader and Champion
Objective	Establish key relationships
Lead Officer	Moira Quinn
Cost: (If applicable)	Not applicable

1.0 DEVELOPING A PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT

1.1 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Committee was advised at its last meeting that NILGA has forwarded its Programme for Local Government consultation for Council's consideration. It is seeking responses by 31st December which it will collate and circulate to councils before finalising.

As the issues covered in the consultation impact on service areas across Council, largely Leisure, Development and Environmental Services Directors were invited to submit comments. No specific comments are offered.

The consultation exercise is aligned to and ideally should complement the development of the next NI Executive Programme for Government, but is not dependent upon it nor the governance and functions of the NI Assembly.

A further copy of the NILGA Consultation is attached. Committee is invited to address the key questions passed in the consultation.

1. **Devolution of powers, functions and duties:** Views are sought in relation to the list of suggested "potential enhanced responsibilities", outlined on page 3, whether any other functions should be considered, or if any of the functions listed are not suitable to be devolved to Councils.
2. **Specific Asks 2016-2020:** (page 3/ 4) Views are sought in relation to the list of suggested 10 specific asks and whether anything else should be included.

3. **Delivering Better:** (page 4 /5) Views are sought in relation to NILGA seeking a commitment from all NI Executive Departments to engage with Councils, prior to making financial decisions that will have an impact on Councils.
4. **Guiding Principles:** (page 5) Views are sought on the proposed “Guiding Principles” – whether they are acceptable and any additions.
5. **An outcomes-based approach** (page 6) Views are sought in relation to NILGA lobbying the NI Executive to ensure that the next Programme for Government includes local government as a key partner and that the PfG core targets are outcomes based.
6. **Any other comments:** Council is invited to provide any additional comments.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Committee consider the key questions outlined in the consultation and provide comments to enable a draft response to be formulated and submitted to NILGA by the closing date.