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SoLACE – John McGrillen to confirm three names of Local government Advisory officers

Dear Members,

Re. Invitation to Strand B - Modernisation Subgroup Initial meeting
Capacity Building and Legislative Framework
Monday 10th Sept NILGA Offices, 2.00pm

The Chairman, Cllr Sean Begley and Vice Chairman, Cllr Dermot Curran, would like to invite you to attend the initial meeting of the above subgroup. The issues the group will be dealing with are detailed overleaf.

The role of the group is to give political oversight and input to local government modernisation issues over the next few months, while the wider structural review is ongoing. Members should note that these groups are an interim measure only. The SLB will fully consider the necessary longer term arrangements for political involvement towards the end of the year.

Please note between now and the first meeting the secretariat will work on the following;

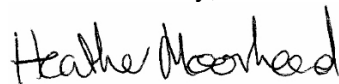
- Agree the agenda with the Chairman and Vice Chair
- Work with NILGA Office Bearers and SOLACE to identify the three lead local government advisory officers
- Develop a set of initial papers

Members should expect to receive full papers at least 3 working days in advance of the meeting together with a location map.

At the first meeting we will seek to establish a regular meeting pattern. If there are particular times that do not suit you it would be most helpful if you could inform Alan Hanna in the NILGA office to help us plan the successive meetings.

Please do not hesitate to contact either of us if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,



Heather Moorhead
NILGA

John Price
DoE (90256786)

Strand B (Service Improvement)

Proposed Immediate priorities

- Common ICT Infrastructure for Local Government.
- IS Strategy about to be commissioned (NILGA E-Gov Group)
- Review position on underlying network and systems (including Microsoft and Local Authority Customer Relationship Management (CRM)).
- Review position on procurement issues (including e-procurement and sustainable procurement).
- Review position re EU/ERNACT and access to funding for projects.
- Finalise position re participation in NI Direct.

Other priorities

- Review position on joint/collaborative working (shared services).
- Finance (systems).
- Estates (systems, asset management and public service office concept).
- Wider application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS).
- Review of pilot projects (Environmental health, LPS/Building Control, on-line services, mobile working etc).
- Review position on Customer Insight approaches and applications.

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