



# NILGA WEEKLY UPDATE

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This weekly update provides you with information on the key NILGA business for the coming week and outcomes from the previous week. Included are; details of the up and coming meetings hosted by NILGA; and information relevant to local government interests. This is to ensure NILGA members and councils are better informed of NILGA's ongoing work. Your feedback is welcome, please send to Tara Cunningham, Director of Communication & Engagement [t.cunningham@nilga.org](mailto:t.cunningham@nilga.org). Further information is available on the website [www.nilga.org](http://www.nilga.org)

## **NILGA MEETINGS**

### **MEETINGS - WEEK COMMENCING 26th JULY**

**IS Working Group** - Tuesday 27th July 2010, 9.30am at Cookstown District Council offices. [s.mairs@nilga.org](mailto:s.mairs@nilga.org)

**Women in Local Councils (WILC) Mentoring Scheme** - Thursday 29th July 2010, 10.00am at the NILGA office. NILGA are hosting the first of the WILC mentoring scheme training sessions. [t.cunningham@nilga.org](mailto:t.cunningham@nilga.org)

**Efficiency and Collaboration Working Group** - Friday 30th July 2010, 10.30am at Whinstone Suite, Antrim Civic Centre. [s.mairs@nilga.org](mailto:s.mairs@nilga.org)

### **RECENT MEETINGS - KEY OUTCOMES**

**Annual Plan Presentation to Derry City Council** - Thursday 22nd July 2010. The meetings was very positive with the council acknowledging the positive and constructive work progressed by NILGA. [n.winder@nilga.org](mailto:n.winder@nilga.org)

**NILGA Meeting with Minister Poots** - Thursday 15th July. A communication has been distributed to all councils regarding the outcomes of this meeting. Please contact the NILGA office if this has not been received.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Land and Property Services (LPS).** Information has recently been published on the extent of the outstanding rates bill not yet collected by LPS. In response to this, a press release has been distributed with comments from President of NILGA, Councillor John Mathews, and a formal request to meet Minister Wilson will be put forward this week to address both the services being provided by LPS and how the outstanding collections are being addressed. Information will be distributed to councils for further consideration following this meeting taking place.

**Cuts to the Resource Grant.** Letters of notification on in-year cuts to the Resource Grant was distributed from DoE to councils directly, on Friday 23rd July. NILGA officers are currently collating the evidence and information from councils to the exact impact on this decision will make to local government, and addressing what now needs to be auctioned to reduce the impact of any additional planned or proposed cuts to those councils.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Olympic 2012 Open Weekends,** The annual countdown celebration to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games is being held this week. For event information please visit [www.london2012.com/openweekend](http://www.london2012.com/openweekend).

**NILGA Visit 2012 Adizone.** NILGA is hosting a visit for councils to view a 2012 Adizone site in Hull. 5th Aug 2010 [t.cunningham@nilga.org](mailto:t.cunningham@nilga.org)

**NILGA Executive Meeting,** 13th August, NILGA office at 10.30am. [s.little@nilga.org](mailto:s.little@nilga.org)

**2010 Mayors' and Chairs' Meeting,** 27th Aug (Antrim Civic Centre). NILGA has invited the Mayors/Chairs of councils to meet and discuss issues important NILGAs ongoing work programme. [s.little@nilga.org](mailto:s.little@nilga.org)

**NILGA AGM,** 17th Sept at 9.30am, Clarion Hotel Carrickfergus. [s.little@nilga.org](mailto:s.little@nilga.org)

**Local Democracy Week,** 11th to 17th Oct. Each year local government sets aside a week in October to promote local democracy by involving schools and young people in a number of council related activities. A list of ideas to promote this initiative will be emailed by NILGA to councils for consideration. [t.cunningham@nilga.org](mailto:t.cunningham@nilga.org)

**NILGA EU Conference,** Wednesday 27th October at the Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick. [k.bishop@nilga.org](mailto:k.bishop@nilga.org)