



STRATEGIC POLICY PARTNERS

NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (NILGA)

1. INTRODUCTION

NILGA, the Northern Ireland Local Government Association, is the representative body for the 11 member councils in Northern Ireland.

The Association represents develops and promotes local government as a growing part of democracy and public service provision in Northern Ireland. NILGA is joint secretariat of the Political Partnership Panel between central and local government (NI Executive Ministers – NILGA – Councils), and is a member of the Brexit UK Local Government Forum.

NILGA is a member of the National Association of Regional Employers (NARE); the Association secured for Northern Ireland the [European Entrepreneurial Region Award \(EER\)](#) and provides representation on the [Committee of the Regions \(CoR - Brussels\)](#).

Within its current Corporate Plan, to May 2019, the Association has developed for a regional Programme for Elected Member Development, aligned to the constituent and corporate needs of Councils and Elected Members. NILGA's Executive is made up of a cross Party, all Council, constituted body of councillors, supported by NILGA officers and Chief Executive Advisers.

NILGA seeks to appoint up to **5 Strategic Policy Partners**, to objectively inform it's Executive on policy matters crucial to developing accountable and innovative partnerships between and within NILGA, local government and wider government, together with civic, social and commercial society. Policy Partners must be able to demonstrate existing policy, practical and strategic partnership with a wide range of regional and local bodies working within the council sector here and / or in neighbouring jurisdictions, currently and over the past five years or more.

2. FRAMEWORK OF STRATEGIC POLICY PARTNERSHIP

Policy Partners must be able to offer objective policy / governance guidance and comment on at least one, but preferably more, of the following key Policy Partner elements:

- The development of local government
- The political and public services leadership and delivery roles of local authorities
- The enhancement of local democratic processes within Northern Ireland
- Practical and governance advice on the roll out of regional, contemporary competency development and learning for councillors.

3. TERMS & CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

The Strategic Policy Partners appointed will operate within the following broad framework:

- Such appointments shall be unpaid unless exceptional costs are incurred for travel & representation outside of NI and will support, whilst having no conflict of interest with, the professional status of any appointee;
- Such appointments shall be for periods of a maximum of three years, from September 2017, with a review following 18 months determined by NILGA's Executive;
- Such appointments to demonstrate added value to the prevailing [Corporate Plan](#) and the ethos of the Association;
- Strategic Policy Partners will only be required to commit to attendance at a small number of formal and informal working sessions of NILGA, with a "core" and indicative time commitment of about ten hours per year;
- Such appointments to be subject to prevailing governance and the Nolan 7 Principles of public service standards.

4. SUBMISSIONS OF INTEREST

Interested parties are asked to submit a short resume of experience (maximum 600 words) with, if desired, a maximum of two key corporate or strategic policy attachments aimed at supporting the submission, no later than **4pm on Friday 28th July 2017.**

NILGA reserves the right not to accept any or all of the submissions received. All submissions will be contacted by email subsequent to the above date. Submissions should be made to Derek McCallan, Chief Executive, NILGA, on d.mccallan@nilga.org

Disclaimer: The Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) endeavours to ensure that the information contained within our Website, Policies and other communications is up to date and correct. We do not, however, make any representation that the information will be accurate, current, complete, uninterrupted or error free or that any information or other material accessible from or related to NILGA is free of viruses or other harmful components. NILGA accepts no responsibility for any erroneous information placed by or on behalf of any user or any loss by any person or user resulting from such information.