

Councillor Name	Declan Flanagan
Conference/Seminar Name	AILG Module 2
Conference/Seminar Topic	General discussion around Forecasting services and Local Authorities
Venue/Location	Radisson Rosses Point, Sligo
Date (s) of Conference	28 March
Brief Summary	
<p>A number of important issues were raised including</p> <p>A) Forecasting Events such as floods, heavy rains and torrential flooding B) The importance of accurate weather information so that the local authorities can plan well in advance for sudden weather events C) Evelyn Cusack Head of Forecasting, Met Eireann, Forecasting Services and Local Authorities delivered the presentation, Evelyn is head of Met Eireanns Forecasting division and is a well known forecaster. She is now Head of Met Eireann's Forecasting Division and she gave an overview of the weather services provided by Met Eireann for Irish local authorities. Discussion around Marine Spatial Strategy also. Ireland depends so much on the sea for the export/import of goods and produce and for many other resources. This is an opportunity for local government to play a role in Ireland's newest spatial plan currently in development.</p>	
Feedback	
Wide ranging and in depth discussion around developments in forecasting.	
Declaration	
I certify that I attended the above-mentioned Conference/Training Seminar.	
Signed by	Date
Declan Flanagan	3/4/19