

# Mid Ulster Transition Committee

*shaping local government in mid ulster*

**Chairman** Cllr Seán McPeake | **Vice-Chairman** Cllr Trevor Wilson

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Committee Clerk  
Environment Committee  
NI Assembly, Room 416  
Parliament Buildings  
Stormont  
BELFAST BT4 3XX

Dear Sir/ Madam

**Re Local Government Bill - Committee Stage**

I refer to the Environment Committee consideration of the above Bill introduced to the NI Assembly on 23 September.

The Transition Committee has considered the Local Government Bill and supports the bringing forward of this enabling legislation which will provide the foundation essential for the establishment and transaction of business throughout the shadow council period, and within new Councils from April 2015.

Members have reviewed the submissions made by NILGA and Belfast City Council to the Environment Committee and wish to endorse the commentary expressed within. I would ask that the Committee gives close consideration to the views put forward by both organisations as part of its clause by clause deliberation of the Bill.

Whilst the Transition Committee understands and agrees with the need for a thorough review of the Bill to be undertaken, it would urge the Committee to ensure legislation is in place for the convening of shadow councils following the local election scheduled for May 2014.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip Moffett', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

**PHILIP MOFFETT**  
**Change Manager, Mid Ulster**

Cc Cllr Sean McPeake, Chairman