

<b>Title of Report:</b> <b>Appointment of Members to External Bodies</b>	<b>Officer Presenting: Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer</b> <b>Author: Democratic Services Officer</b>
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## **1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations**

1.1 To appoint Elected Members onto External Bodies.

## **2 Background**

2.1 Further to a Motion at the Annual Meeting of Council held on 20 May 2019 (Minute Ref. AM12/19), it was agreed that when seeking nominations to external bodies the D'Hondt system would be applied, i.e. all positions across all external bodies are collectively identified and filled using the formula set in Schedule 1 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

2.2 Furthermore at the Annual General Meeting held on 20 May 2019 (Minute Ref. AM13/19), it was agreed that the nominations for external bodies would not be presented at the relevant committee (as was the practice in previous years) but to a meeting of Council.

## **3 Key Issues**

3.1 There are 69 external bodies, which require Elected Member representation (Appendix 1).

3.2 Across these bodies, there are a total of 213 positions for Elected Members. This figure excludes the following positions, which are allocated to specific Positions of Responsibility or open to all Members:

### **Positions allocated to the Mayor of Council:**

- Board of Directors – Visit Derry (No 1. out of a total 4 available positions)
- Advisory Committee to the Honourable Irish Society (No.1 out of a total of 4 available positions)
- City of Derry Airport – Board of Directors (No.1 out of a total of 4 available positions)
- AGE NI Ageing Well Together Strategic Partnership (Only position available).

## **Positions open to All Members of Council**

- Association of Public Service Excellence
- Civic Forum
- Local Growth Partnership Boards – Open to all Members from the respective DEA
- Sports Forum

## **Position Allocated to Chair of Governance and Strategic Planning Committee**

- IESE

## **Positions aligned from an Associated Body**

- NILGA Executive Committee (2 members from NILGA Board)

3.3 When appointing Members onto the listed external bodies, the D'Hondt table is to be used and Members appointed in rank order (Appendix 2).

## **4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs and other Implications**

4.1 There are no specific implications associated with this report although Members may wish to give consideration to knowledge, experience, etc. (for example in relation to rural issues) when considering participation in relevant bodies/working groups.

## **5 Recommendations**

5.1 It is recommended that Members nominate representation on to all the external bodies listed in Appendix 1 using the D'Hondt formula.

## **Background Papers**

**Previous Minutes: AM12/19, AM13/19.**