

Title of Report: Appointments to Internal Working Groups	Officer Presenting: Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer Author: Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To seek Elected Members nominations to individual internal working groups associated with the Committees of Council.

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. It was noted that Elected Members who were previously representatives on bodies in the last term and who have been re-elected, should continue to sit on those bodies until the new representation has been confirmed.
- 2.2 At the Annual General Meeting, it was also noted that the process for making nominations to internal bodies/ working groups, would remain unchanged i.e. either by D'Hondt or by the agreement of the Members of the relevant Committee (Min Ref AM13/19). Furthermore, it was agreed that Members would review the number of Members on each internal body and the method of nomination onto each body and once that information had been received and endorsed by full Council at the end of June, the nomination to internal bodies would then be completed at the July committees.
- 2.3 Subsequently at the Governance and Strategic Planning, Business and Culture and Health and Community June Committee Meetings (Min Refs. GSP 68/19, BC 73/19, and H&C 95/19), it was agreed nominations to internal working groups be deferred to the June Council Meeting in order to facilitate discussion between the political parties.
- 2.4 At the Council meeting held on 27th June 2019, Members agreed that one Elected Member from each political party and one Independent Member be nominated to internal working groups.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 Members have indicated a need to review the existing internal bodies. Papers will be brought forward to the relevant committees in the Autumn, detailing the terms of reference and other information that will assist Members' consideration of the purpose / need for individual working groups.
- 3.2 Details of the current internal working groups associated with each Committee (including previous nominees) are set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.3 As Members have agreed the number and composition of Member representation on internal working groups, it is possible, subject to Members' views, to nominate to the internal working groups, pending review.
- 3.4 Nomination to internal working groups at this (or other Council) meeting (rather than at individual committees) would facilitate an holistic approach.

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

- 4.1 Members may wish to give consideration to knowledge, experience, etc. (for example in relation to rural issues) when considering participation in relevant working groups.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 That Members, pending review, nominate to the internal working groups set out in Appendix 1, for the 2019/20 year.

Background Papers

Previous Minutes: AM12/19, AM13/19, GSP68 /19, BC73 /19, HC 95 /19, PC 64/19.