

## Working Group Report Council Representation on Outside Bodies

Report of meeting of the Outside Bodies Working Group of Mid Ulster District Council held on *Wednesday 9 October 2019* in *Dungannon at 5.30pm*

**Attendees** **Members:** Councillors Brown, Cuddy (6.05pm), Clarke, Mallaghan, S McPeake, B McGuigan  
**Officers:** Chief Executive (A Tohill), Head of Democratic Services (P Moffett), Member Support Officer (E Forde)

**Apologies** Councillors Ashton and Quinn

AGENDA	MATTERS AGREED	ACTIONS & RESPONSIBILITY
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Terms of Reference</b>	
	<p>P Moffett referred members to the previously circulated Terms of Reference making specific reference to the origin and purpose of the working group.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Terms of Reference be approved</p>	Head of Democratic Services
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Appointment of Working Group Chair</b>	
	<p>P Moffett referred members to the Terms of Reference and the need to appoint a member to assume Chairmanship of the working group.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Brown Seconded by Councillor Clarke and</p>	Councillor Mallaghan

	<b>RESOLVED:</b> That Councillor Mallaghan Chair the working group.						
3.0	<b>Meeting Schedule</b>						
	<p>E Forde referred members to the availability for future meetings identified as being free from the council's committee calendar. The following dates, times and venues were <b>AGREED</b>:</p> <p>Wednesday 6 November 2019 5.30pm      Location: Cookstown Wednesday 4 December 2019 5.30pm      Location: Magherafelt</p>	Member Support Officer					
4.0	<b>Consideration of representation of outside bodies (external/internal to Council)</b>						
	<p>P Moffett and E Forde referred members to the report on Representation to Bodies: Issues for Consideration, providing an overview on (i) existing representation to internal and external outside bodies; (ii) a proposed data collection form; and (iii) existing practice across NI local government. The following was <b>AGREED</b> on discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contact the Department for Infrastructure on the status of the Drainage Council and its plans for a future reconstitution, as Mid Ulster has no representation under the current constituted Drainage Council and why recruitment of Elected Members (who should make up ten of the eighteen board members) has not taken place.</li><li>• Interim steps be taken to fill vacancies on outside bodies from NILGA and Sustainable NI prior to outcome of Working Group Findings, as follows.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>NILGA - Policy Networks</b></li></ul><p>Appointments to NILGA Policy and Learning Networks as undernoted be progressed through Policy &amp; Resources Committee using council d'Hondt calculation in the order:</p><table><tr><td>SF</td><td>DUP</td><td>SF</td><td>SDLP</td><td>UUP</td></tr></table><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Reform, Devolution &amp; Improvement</li><li>○ Local Economic Development, investment &amp; internal affairs</li><li>○ Place Shaping &amp; Infrastructure</li><li>○ Health, Social and Environmental Wellbeing</li><li>○ Elected Member Development (Cllr Doris, SF already appointed AGM)</li></ul></li></ul>	SF	DUP	SF	SDLP	UUP	<p>Head of Democratic Services Member Support Officer</p> <p>Head of Democratic Services Member Support Officer</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Sustainable NI – All Party Group on climate Change</b></li></ul> <p>Two nominations to Sustainable NI - All Party Group on Climate Change be progressed through Environment Committee using Council d'Hondt calculation in the order:</p> <table><tr><td>SF</td><td>DUP</td><td>SF</td><td>SDLP</td><td>UUP</td></tr></table>	SF	DUP	SF	SDLP	UUP	Head of Democratic Services
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5.0	Consideration of Steps to Progress						
	<p>The following points were raised and <b>AGREED</b> for consideration in moving forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The formation of DEA Group Meetings to meet with council Officers to discuss matters within/by DEA officers</li><li>• The neighbourhood renewal partnership should read <i>Coalisland &amp; Dungannon</i></li><li>• Inclusion of representation to Connecting Pomeroy Project and Sperrins Future Search 'outside bodies'</li><li>• Pros and Cons of D'Hondt when - applied on a rolling basis and restarted for each organisation. Preferences noted that UUP would like a continuation of application of D'Hondt, SF would like it restarted for each new organisation</li><li>• An indication that Flavour of Tyrone and South Tyrone Hospital Forum have been wound up</li><li>• List of Working Groups, as established by committees/council, be brought to the next meeting</li><li>• Additional question be included in the outside body data-collection form to ascertain if organisational constitution/articles of association stipulate if Elected Members are required. Forms to be issued and information collated for next meeting</li></ul>	Working Group representatives Head of Democratic Services Member Support Officer					
Meeting concluded at 6.20 pm							