

Report on	Appointments to NILGA Policy & Learning Networks
Date of Meeting	Thursday 5 th December 2019
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	<p>To consider appointment of elected members to represent the Council on NILGA Policy & Learning Networks. Networks requiring representation extend to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reform, Devolution and Improvement • Local Economic Development, Investment and International Affairs • Place Shaping and Infrastructure • Health, Social and Environmental Wellbeing
2.0	Background
2.1	The Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) established five Policy & Learning Networks after the 2019 Local Election to coincide with the commencement of the new local government Council Term (2019-2023). NILGA is now seeking representatives from Mid Ulster Council to sit on each of these Networks.
2.2	One of the five Policy & Learning Networks has been filled this being the Elected Member Development network. Cllr N Doris was nominated and approved to represent the Council on this network at the Council's May 2019 annual meeting.
2.3	Members will be aware that the Working Group - Council Representation on Outside Bodies has now convened and the issue of nominating to 'outside body' requests was discussed at its meeting of 9 th October. It was recommended by the Working Group and approved by this Committee at its November meeting that vacancies are filled prior to the conclusion of the activity/work of Working Group in the interests of having Council represented.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The committee is being requested to give consideration to nominating/appointing members to fill a single position of each of the four Policy & Learning Networks, as detailed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reform, Devolution and Improvement • Local Economic Development, Investment and International Affairs • Place Shaping and Infrastructure • Health, Social and Environmental Wellbeing

	Appendix A provides further detail on the establishment of these networks and the key objectives of each.										
3.2	<p>Members are reminded that the council has made/makes appointments to outside bodies using the council d'Hondt calculation with the grid/order recommencing for each new appointment to an 'outside body', in this case to each new policy and learning network. This arrangement is in place unless the 'outside body has been designated to be filled by DEA or is to be done by Party Agreement. The council d'Hondt calculation starts as:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>1</td><td>SF</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>DUP</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>SF</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>SDLP</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>UUP</td></tr> </table>	1	SF	2	DUP	3	SF	4	SDLP	5	UUP
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3.3	In referring to 3.2 (above) and the council d'Hondt calculation the default/current position is that Sinn Féin is required to nominate 4 councillors to fill the positions on each of the Policy & Learning Networks listed at 3.1 above. It is recommended that these be drawn from the membership of Policy & Resources but this is not a requirement.										
3.4	<p>NILGA has indicated that representatives may or may not come from the overall NILGA membership. For information the current NILGA membership from Mid Ulster Council is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllrs Totten, McPeake, S McGuigan, Doris, Burton, Robinson, Kearney, Glasgow 										
4.0	Other Considerations										
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications										
	Financial: not applicable										
	Human: not applicable										
	Risk Management: not applicable										
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments										
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: none identified										
	Rural Needs Implications: none identified										
5.0	Recommendation(s)										
5.1	That consideration be given by the Committee to the appointment of councillors to represent the Council on the NILGA Policy and Learning Networks.										
6.0	Documents Attached & References										
	Appendix A – NILGA Member Policy and Learning Networks: Details and Objectives										

