

Working Group Report Council Representation on Outside Bodies

Report of Outside Bodies Working Group meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on *Thursday 5 December 2019* in *Magherafelt* at *5.30pm*

Attendees **Members:** Councillors Brown, Clarke, Forde, McGinley, S McPeake, B McGuigan
Officers: Head of Democratic Services (P Moffett), Member Support Officer (E Forde)

Apologies Councillor Cuddy and Mallaghan

AGENDA	MATTERS AGREED	ACTIONS & RESPONSIBILITY
1.0	Election of Chair	
	<p>In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Mallaghan</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Brown Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and</p> <p>AGREED that Councillor McGinley Chair the meeting in the absence of the Chair</p>	
2.0	Working Group Report 6 November 2019	
	<p>Proposed by Councillor Clarke Seconded by councillor S McPeake</p> <p>AGREED report of meeting held on 6 November 2019</p>	
3.0	Consideration on (i) Outside bodies; (ii) Council Working Groups; and (iii) Application of D'Hondt	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outside Bodies <p>P Moffett referred to and took members through the updated list of Outside Bodies for clarity and confirmatory purposes. Consensus on the continuance/non-continuance of representation on each was</p>	Head of Democratic Services

agreed. Specific reference was made to; NI Amenity Council, COSTA, CDM Community Transport, Shop Mobility, Somme Association, William Carlton Summer School and Flavour of Tyrone.

AGREED that final changes be reported to the next meeting in a draft Recommendations Report for Policy & Resources Committee

- **Working Groups**

P Moffett referred to the updated list of Working Groups and sought the Group's consensus on status of same

AGREED that the Working Group recommends in the Recommendation Report to Policy & Resources Committee:

- 1 All Working Groups to have a membership of 10;
- 2 Working Groups in situ as of AGM 2023 to be filled by rolling d'hondt;
- 3 Working Groups established after council AGM 2023 D'Hondt calculation should be applied afresh each time a new one is established/appointed;
- 4 Working Group Terms of Reference to depict whether it is to be Standing or Task and Finish.
- 5 Planning Forums currently listed as 'working groups' be moved to list of Outside Bodies and appointed through the process agreed for filling 'Outside Bodies'. These may have to be identified as being filled by 'Party Agreement' given reps to be drawn from Planning Committee

- **Application of D'Hondt**

P Moffett outlined broadly the two methods of applying d'hondt and sought clarification for methods

AGREED that the Group recommends in Recommendation Report to Policy & Resources Committee:

- 1 Last quarter of 2023 of council term a list of outside bodies be agreed to be applied for d'Hondt
- 2 Appointment to Outside Bodies be filled by application of continuous d'hondt for the 4 year period
- 3 D'Hondt calculation be applied afresh each time a new outside bodies is added by Council;
- 4 Consideration given to Bodies such as NILGA and Growth Deal, which are specific in their representation from parties, be treated 'exception to rule' and be by 'Party Agreement' status

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEA Working Groups <p>Members discussed those DEA's (Moyola and Clogher Valley) without town centre forums to discuss issues within their DEA.</p> <p>AGREED that research as to best practice of other Councils in relation to DEA specific meetings/groups</p>	
4.0	Any Other Business	
4.1	<p>Establishment of an A5/N2 Cross Border Group</p> <p>AGREED that the Working Group recommends to add the A5/N2 Cross Border Group to the council's list of Outside Bodies and that they be filled on basis of current d'Hondt calculation SF 2, 1 DUP and 1 SDLP. It was further agreed that it should be expedited through December Council should governance arrangements permit it.</p>	Head of Democratic Services
4.2	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 9 January 2019 at 5.30pm</p>	
	Meeting ended at 6.30pm	