

Report on	Working Group Council Representation on Outside Bodies: Recommendations Report
Date of Meeting	Thursday 5 th March, 2020
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To receive and consider final Recommendations Report emanating from the activity of the Working Group on Council Representation on Outside Bodies together with the report of its meeting held on Thursday 6 th February 2020.
2.0	Background
2.1	Council previously resolved that a working group of councillors be established to review, council's representation on outside bodies and on the approach taken to appoint representatives.
2.2	<p>The remit of the Working Group is detailed within its Terms of Reference. It extends to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying outside bodies to which council has representation Reviewing continuing need for representation on the identified outside bodies Reviewing appropriateness of the number of representatives on the outside bodies Reviewing continuing need for those bodies, forums and partnerships established and facilitated by Council Reviewing approach taken on filling positions on outside bodies at annual meetings and as they arise Reviewing approach to dealing with in-term requests to nominate to an outside body
2.3	A meeting of the Working Group took place on Thursday 6 th February and a meeting report is attached as appendix A to this report.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	At the meeting of the Working Group held on 6 th February 2020 it was agreed that the draft Report of Recommendations emanating from the activity of the Group be brought forward for consideration and approval at March Policy & Resources Committee.
3.2	<p>Appendix B to this paper is the draft <i>Report of Recommendations from the Working Group: Representation on Outside Bodies</i>. The report brings together matters worked through and agreed by the Group, with specific reference to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing need for Representation on documented Outside Bodies

	<p>2. Number of Councillor representatives to Outside Bodies</p> <p>3. Working Groups established by Council</p> <p>4. Filling positions on Outside Bodies at AGMs and in-term</p> <p>5. District Electoral Area (DEA) Meetings</p> <p>The report, at appendix B, also refers to issues raised through the Group and already dealt with by way of Policy & Resources Committee. These have included sending:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> representatives to Fermanagh & Omagh DC facilitated A5/N2 Cross Border Group representatives to NILGA Policy & Learning Networks representatives to Sustainable NI All Party Group on Climate Change
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: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That the committee considers the report of the meeting of the Working Group on Outside Bodies held on Thursday 6 th February 2020 and approval for the Report of Recommendations from the Working Group.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>Appendix A - Working Group Meeting Report: Thurs 6th February 2020</p> <p>Appendix B - Report of Recommendations from Working Group</p>