

Working Group Report Council Representation on Outside Bodies

Report of Outside Bodies Working Group meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on *Wednesday 6 November 2019* in *Cookstown* at *5.30pm*

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

Apologies Councillor Brown

| AGENDA | MATTERS AGREED | ACTIONS & RESPONSIBILITY |
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| 1.0 | Working Group Report 9th October 2019 | |
| | <p>Members noted the report</p> <p>It was AGREED to keep the date of the next meeting as scheduled for Thursday 5th December 2019 5.30pm with the location being Magherafelt to coincide with the December Committees</p> <p>It was NOTED with the exception of Clogher Valley and Moyola District Electoral Areas (DEAs) all areas had a Town Centre Forum in place to feed into</p> | |
| 2.0 | Consideration on Outside bodies | |
| | <p>P Moffett referred to the updated list of Outside Bodies together with ‘data collection returns’ from each. The Groups view/consensus on the continuance of representation on each was noted. It was AGREED that changes to documentation to be reflected and reported to next meeting.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the updated documentation/report of the list of bodies to be forwarded to Members for consideration</p> | Head of Democratic Services |
| 3.0 | Assessment of how D’hondt is applied: existing and other methods | |
| | Members discussed application of d’hondt and how it relates to Mid Ulster District Council | |

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| | <p>It was AGREED that consideration be given to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The Working Group recommends that current method and application of d'Hondt remain for filling Outside Bodies for the rest of the Council term (i.e. 2019-2023) 2 D'hondt applied should be applied on a continuous basis at the first AGM of Mid Ulster District Council in May 2023 3 However, if any new bodies are added/made known to the Council then the d'Hondt calculation should start afresh each time a request is made to fill an 'outside body' | Head of Democratic Services |
| 4.0 | Working Groups Established by Committees and Council | |
| | <p>P Moffett referred Members to, for information, the existing Working Groups established by Committees and Council</p> <p>It was AGREED that consideration be given to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 All Working Groups being set up on a 'task and finish' basis to have either five or ten members agreed through d'hondt 2 Reorienting some of the Working Groups to a different 'sub-committee' type status given their continuing purpose within the Council. The Elected Member Development Group, Good Relations and Regional & Minority Languages were, for example, cited 3 The Working Group on Civic Recognition reconvening in the New Year to consider the existing policy arrangements on basis that it's due for revision by April 2020. It was noted that consideration should be given to one awards night per annum with pre-determined categories 4 Looking at the future of current working groups moving forward and their status as part of council business (linked to 2 above) | Head of Democratic Services |
| | Meeting ended at 6.47pm | |