



Subject:	Appointment of Members to Outside Bodies
Date:	26th June, 2023
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To make the appointments of Members to a range of Outside Bodies for the Council Term from 2023 to 2027.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is recommended to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">note that the Council has agreed that all of the appointments to Outside Bodies will be grouped into one overall pool for the purposes of allocating positions;agree to nominate the representatives to NILGA as a separate one-off exercise, as set out in the report;note that the Council has agreed to use the Sainte Lague methodology to provide an order of party political choices of these positions;Appoint the positions on Outside Bodies as set out in the Appendix; and

	<p>5. Agree that, should any other requests be received for Council representation on Outside Bodies during the Council Term, the party or parties who would have had the next available choice(s) under the Sainte Lague table will be asked to nominate a representative(s).</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1.1	<p>The Committee will be aware that there are a number of Outside Bodies which request that a Member or several Members sit on the Board of their Body. As we start on the new Council term, we need to make these appointments.</p>
3.1.2	<p>Members should note that several appointments to Outside Bodies were determined by the former Department of the Environment to fall within the process established in the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 for Positions of Responsibility. These were arc 21, the Partnership Panel, the Northern Ireland Housing Council, the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association and the Policing and Community Safety Partnership and its 4 District Partnerships. These appointments were determined using the D'hondt system of proportionality alongside the appointments for the Lord Mayor, the Deputy Lord Mayor and the Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons of the 8 Standing Committees of the Council.</p>
3.1.3	<p>In considering the requests for appointments to Outside Bodies which are not considered to be Positions of Responsibility, the Council is free to choose any methodology it so wishes. However, in keeping with the process of proportionality, which is enshrined in the 2014 Act and which has been employed in the Council for a number of years, the Committee has approved of the use of the Sainte Lague system.</p>
3.1.4	<p>The process is for all of the appointments to Outside Bodies to be grouped together in one pool and the Party Leaders at a meeting on 15th June have selected the positions set out in the Appendix.</p>
3.1.5	<p>In order for a process to be established which deals with any additional requests from Outside Bodies for Council representation during the Council Term, it is recommended that the party or parties who would have had the next available choice(s) under the Sainte Lague table will be asked to nominate a representative(s).</p>

3.1.6	<p><u>NILGA</u></p> <p>NILGA's Constitution requires that the Council's 10 nominations reflect the overall balance of the political parties on the Council. This would not be able to be achieved if the 10 positions were to be included in a larger pool of positions. Therefore, for that reason, the Council has previously agreed that the 10 nominations are allocated using a separate Sainte Lague exercise. This was agreed again at the meeting of the Party Group Leaders on 15th June.</p>
3.1.7	<p>The outcome of a Sainte Lague exercise provided for 4 Sinn Fein, 2 DUP, 2 Alliance, 1 SDLP and 1 Green nominations.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None Associated with this report.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Equality, Good Relations and Rural Assessment Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Document Attached
4.1	List of Party Choices for Outside Bodies