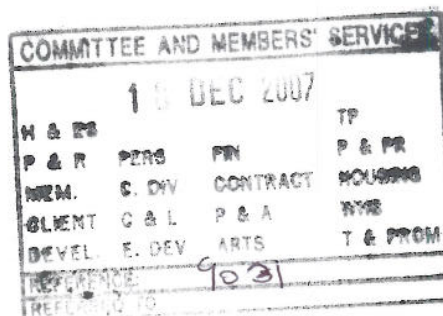


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Ms Arlene Foster MLA
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Dear Ms Foster

At the monthly Planning & Services Committee meeting on 6 December 2007, the following Notice of Motion was agreed by Council:

“This Council calls on local government councils which have failed to incorporate all-inclusive proportionality mechanisms for the purposes of filling civic positions on Council to immediately do so. We call on all political parties to ensure that discriminatory and exclusionary practices are ended as a matter of urgency to meet the expectations of the new political dispensation we are now in. We further call on the Minister of the Environment, Arlene Foster, to ensure that the new local government councils established under the RPA are statutorily obliged to abide by principles and practice of power-sharing and proportionality to ensure maximum public confidence.”

Council would like to be assured that proportionality will be built into Councils post RPA and would welcome your comments thereon.

This motion has been copied to the other 25 district Councils for their support.

Yours sincerely

LIAM FLANIGAN
Chief Executive