



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Appointment of Member to the George Best Belfast City Airport Forum
Date:	Friday, 21st November, 2008
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Relevant Background Information

Correspondence has been received from the Chairman of the George Best Belfast City Airport Forum indicating that the Council's representation on the Forum was being increased from one to two Elected Members.

Key Issues

The Council, following the Local Government Elections on 5th May, 2005, determined through the application of the d'Hondt system of proportionality its representation on a large number of Outside Bodies, and these appointments were made formally at the Annual Meeting on 26th May. A total of ninety such appointments were made in this way across a range of organisations.

Members may recall that the Committee, at its meeting on 19th August, 2005, in considering the nomination of a Member to make application to represent the Council on the Drainage Council for Northern Ireland, authorised the Head of Committee and Members' Services to continue the application of the original d'Hondt process to determine the Party Groupings which would be entitled to appoint nominees to any subsequent invitations of a similar nature which might be received during the current Council term.

Accordingly, under the current system for determining appointments to Outside Bodies, the next choice falls to the Social Democratic Labour Party Grouping.

Resource Implications

No financial or Human Resource implications are associated with this report.

Recommendations

This Committee is asked to approve the appointment of a Member of the Social Democratic Labour Party Grouping as the Council's second representative on the George Best Belfast City Airport Forum.