



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Appointment to Lyric Theatre Education Advisory Panel
Date:	Friday, 23rd April, 2010
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Relevant Background Information

Correspondence has been received from the Chairman of the Lyric Theatre inviting the Council to nominate two Members to the newly established Lyric Theatre Education Advisory Panel.

The role of the Education Advisory Panel is to oversee the education and outreach operations of the theatre's Creative Learning Department. This is a core area of activity for the theatre, particularly at this stage in its development.

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. These nominations were approved 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 two choices fall to the Ulster Unionist and Democratic Unionist Party Groupings.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to approve the appointment of one Member from each of the Ulster Unionist and Democratic Unionist Party Groupings as the Council's two representatives on the Education Advisory Panel of the Lyric Theatre.

Resource Implications

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

Decision Tracking

Mr. Liam Steele will advise the Chairman of the Lyric Theatre of the Council's nominees to its Education Advisory Panel by 7th May, 2010.

Key to Abbreviations

N/A

Documents Attached

N/A