



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resource Committee
Subject:	Political Nominations on the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) and the Four District Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (DPCSPs)
Date:	Friday, 17th February, 2012
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Council is required, under Part 3 of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, to establish the Belfast PCSP and the four DPCSPs. The Council must, under this legislation, make the political appointments, so far as is practicable, to reflect the strength of the Parties on the Council.
1.2	The Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agreed at its meeting held on 18th November, 2011 to appoint a PCSP consisting of nineteen Members (10 political and 9 independent); and to appoint the Political Members to the four DPCSPs (24 in total) based on the Council's system of proportionality.

2	Key Issues												
2.1	<p>The allocation of the 10 political places on the main PCSP is as follows:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Sinn Fein Party</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Democratic Unionist Party</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Democratic & Labour Party</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alliance Party</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ulster Unionist Party</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </table>	Sinn Fein Party	3	Democratic Unionist Party	3	Social Democratic & Labour Party	2	Alliance Party	1	Ulster Unionist Party	1		
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2.3	<p>A meeting was held with the Party leaders on 6th January and the following political composition of the four DPCSPs was agreed using a d'Hondt based table of choices:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="252 271 1394 510"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="252 271 539 309">North</th> <th data-bbox="539 271 826 309">South</th> <th data-bbox="826 271 1114 309">East</th> <th data-bbox="1114 271 1394 309">West</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="252 309 539 510">2 SF 2 DUP 1 SDLP 1 UUP</td> <td data-bbox="539 309 826 510">2 SF 2 DUP 1 SDLP 1 ALL</td> <td data-bbox="826 309 1114 510">2 SF 2 DUP 1 SDLP 1 ALL</td> <td data-bbox="1114 309 1394 510">2 SF 1 DUP 1 SDLP 1 ALL 1 PUP</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	North	South	East	West	2 SF 2 DUP 1 SDLP 1 UUP	2 SF 2 DUP 1 SDLP 1 ALL	2 SF 2 DUP 1 SDLP 1 ALL	2 SF 1 DUP 1 SDLP 1 ALL 1 PUP
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2.4	<p>The individual Party nominations for the Belfast PCSP and the four DPCSPs have now been received and a list is provided at Appendix 1 along with the agreed allocation of Chairmanships of the four DPCSPs. The Council is required under the legislation to formally appoint the political Members to the PCSP and to the four DPCSPs.</p>								

3	Resource Implications
	None

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
	None

5	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is recommended to approve the appointment of the Political Members to the Principal Belfast PCSP and its four DPCSPs as set out in Appendix 1.

6	Key to Abbreviations
	<p>PCSP – Policing and Community Safety Partnership DPCSP – District Policing and Community Safety Partnership</p>

7	Decision Tracking
	<p>Suzanne Wylie, Director of Health and Environmental Services 24th March, 2012</p>

Documents Attached	
Appendix 1	Political Nominations and the appointment of Chairmen to the Principal Belfast PCSP and its four DPCSPs