



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Nomination to the Northern Ireland Policing Board of Independent Members</b>
<b>Date:</b>	23rd March, 2012
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<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
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 legislation requires that a Public Appointments process is undertaken in order to appoint the Independent Members to the Partnership and, in accordance with the Statutory Code of Practice on the Appointment of Independent Members to the PCSPs/DPCSPs, the Council has appointed a short-listing and interview panel for the purpose of determining which of the independent applicants are deemed to be suitable for appointment.

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	The interview panel has now completed its work and has drawn up a list of appointable candidates. The Statutory Code, at paragraph 64, requires the Council to formally nominate to the NIPB those persons deemed to be suitable for appointment by the interview panel. Furthermore, paragraph 64 of the Statutory Code states that in considering the names submitted by the interview panel, the Council should note that they are “applications in confidence” and should not seek to place the names in the public domain.
2.2	To maintain this confidentiality an alphabetical list of applicants considered appropriate for nomination to the Belfast PCSP and the four DPCSPs will be tabled at the meeting for approval and will be collected at the end of the meeting.

2.3	Members will recall that due to the tight timescales that the NIPB is working to in relation to this appointment process, the NIPB's Interim Chief Executive had written to all Council Chief Executives requesting that, providing that the appropriate Council agreement can be secured, Councils try to expedite this element of the process as quickly as practicable.
2.4	To ensure that the NIPB's final appointment panels can proceed with the appointment stage without undue delay, the Committee agreed, at its meeting held on 17th February, that the Council recommend to delegate authority to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to approve, on behalf of the Council, the list of suitable candidates for consideration by the NIPB as Independent Members of the Belfast PCSP and the DPCSPs. This recommendation was subsequently ratified by Council at its meeting held on 1st March.

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	None

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>
	None

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	The Committee is recommended to formally nominate, on behalf of the Council, the list of those found suitable by the interview panel for consideration by the NIPB as Independent Members of the Belfast PCSP/DPCSPs.

<b>6</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
	PCSP – Policing and Community Safety Partnership DPCSP – District Policing and Community Safety Partnership NIPB – Northern Ireland Policing Board

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