



Subject:	Nomination of a Person for Consideration for Appointment as High Sheriff of Belfast for 2018
Date:	15 th December, 2018
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To note the nomination of a person for consideration for appointment as High Sheriff for 2018.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">note that Councillor Carole Howard has been nominated for consideration for appointment as High Sheriff for 2018.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> The Committee will recall that, at its meeting on 22 nd September, 2017, it agreed to apply the D'hondt method of proportionality to identify which Parties would be entitled to

	nominate persons for consideration for appointment to the office of High Sheriff over a Council Term.
3.2	<p>The Committee decided also, as we are half way through a Council Term, to take account of the Parties that had already held the position in 2016 (UUP) and 2017 (DUP). Therefore, the D'hondt order of Parties for the next 2 years was as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sinn Fein 2. Sinn Fein 3. Alliance 4. SDLP 5. DUP
3.3	The Committee will recall also that, at its meeting on 24 th November, it established deadlines by which Parties entitled to nominate must do so or the choice would pass to the next Party on the D'hondt table.
3.4	Sinn Fein have indicated that they do not wish to nominate a person for consideration for appointment as High Sheriff. Therefore, the next choice fell to the Alliance Party and it has decided to nominate Councillor Carole Howard for consideration for appointment as High Sheriff for 2018.
3.5	The Committee should note that the decision on the appointment is taken by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.
	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.6	None associated with this report
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.7	None associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None