



Belfast District Council

Report to	Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Appointment of Members to Outside Bodies
Date:	13 th February, 2015
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Committee will be aware that Councillors are appointed to represent the Council on a range of outside organisations which deal with health, education, housing, policing, community safety, transport, urban regeneration, tourism and arts issues amongst others (a list of which is appended to this report).
1.2	Members will be aware also that the appointments to these outside bodies will cease when the existing Council is wound up at the end of March, 2015

2	Key Issues
2.1	In the past, some of the appointments have been made at the Annual Meeting of the Council under the d'Hondt system of proportionality, while some have been made directly by Committees.
2.2	In addition, some of the appointments have now been designated as Positions of Responsibility under the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 and will be filled as part of that process, while other of the appointments are now part of the Public Appointments process.
2.3	In order to provide some clarity and direction to the Committee, Council officers would like to undertake a review of the outside bodies to which the Council is normally requested to make nominations and submit a report to the Committee in due course. This report would assess the benefits to the Council of continuing to nominate representatives to the individual organisations and make a recommendation to the Committee as to an appropriate proportionality mechanism to be used to nominate representatives to those organisations where representation is considered to be beneficial.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	None associated with this report.

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
4.1	None associated with this report.

5	Call-In
5.1	This decision is subject to call-in.

6	Recommendations
6.1	It is recommended that a review of the nomination of Members to outside bodies is undertaken and that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

7	Documents Attached
Appendix – List of Outside Bodies	