



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Health and Environmental Services Committee
Subject:	Nominations to Elected Positions within the Association of Port Health Authorities
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Relevant Background Information

The Association of Port Health Authorities (APHA) is a United-Kingdom-wide organisation representing the interests of Local Authorities and Port Health Authorities that have responsibilities for public, animal and environmental health controls at sea and airports.

The Association is directed by an elected Executive Board and has a number of technical committees dealing with the various aspects of port health work.

Belfast City Council is a corporate member of the Association and at the AGM held in Manchester during September 2008, the Chairman (Councillor Adamson) was re-elected to the Executive Board of the Association for a period of two years and at the AGM held in Newcastle on 8th September 2009, Councillor Adamson was elected as Chairman of the Imported Feed and Food Committee for a period of one year.

Councillor McCarthy is the outgoing president of APHA and a new president from another authority will be elected at the September 2010 meeting.

Key Issues

Executive Board

The Executive Board is comprised of fifteen members of whom nine are regional and open to elected representatives of corporate member organisations only. The remaining positions on the Board are national and are available to officers of corporate and associate members. Board members are elected for a period of two years and the Board usually meets three times per annum.

Imported Feed and Food Committee

The imported feed and food committee provides a forum where enforcement officers are able to meet to develop common policies and principles, to keep up to date with current legislation and advice and to meet with representatives from government departments and agencies. The Chairman's role is primarily to preside at meetings which are held three times per year.

All meetings are held at the offices of the Association located at Walbrook Wharf, London.

Nominations are sought for election, at the AGM in September 2010, to the Executive Board of the Association and to the Chair of the Imported Feed and Food Committee.

Resource Implications

Costs

Committee meetings, as stated, are held three times per annum in London and last approximately three hours. Walbrook Wharf is easily accessible and therefore only travel and subsistence expenses should be incurred.

There are no Human Resources, Assets or other implications to this report.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee:

- Nominates the Chairman, Councillor Adamson, for re-election to the Executive Board for a period of two years
- Nominates the Chairman, Councillor Adamson, for election as Chairman of the Imported Feed and Food Committee.