



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Political Nominations to the Belfast District Policing Partnership Sub-Groups
Date:	18 th September, 2009
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Relevant Background Information

The Council was required, under Schedule 3 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 as amended by the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003 and by the Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Bill, to establish the Belfast DPP and its 4 Sub-Groups before the expiration of a 3-month period following the Commencement Date for the legislation on 4th September, 2007. The Council was required to make the appointments so as to reflect the strength of the Parties on the Council.

Key Issues

Appointment of Political Members to the DPP Sub-Groups

A meeting was held with the Party Group leaders on 29th August, 2007 and the following political composition of the DPP Sub-Groups was agreed using the Council's system of proportionality:

Sub-Group Members - 6 Political Members on each of 4 Sub-Groups (24 places)

The breakdown of the total number of political places amongst the Party Groups was Sinn Féin Party 7, Democratic Unionist Party 6, Ulster Unionist Party 4, Social Democratic and Labour Party 4, Alliance Party 2, Progressive Unionist Party 1.

Since both Sinn Féin and the Democratic Unionist Parties had a proportionate figure of 6.59, it was agreed that the 24th place would be rotated between the two Groups with Sinn Féin having the additional place initially. The leaders agreed the undernoted distribution for the period from 1st October, 2007 till 30th September, 2009:

<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>West</u>
2 SF 1 DUP 1 UU 1 SDLP 1 All	2 SF 2 DUP 1 UU 1 SDLP	1 SF 2 DUP 1 UU 1 SDLP 1 All	2 SF 1 DUP 1 UU 1 SDLP 1 PUP

As the first two years of the DPP's term of office will end on 30th September, 2009 it is necessary to rerun the political choices for the Sub-Group membership with the Democratic Unionist Party having the 24th place instead of Sinn Féin.

A meeting of the Party Group Leaders was held on 4th September, 2009 and the undernoted membership of the Sub-Groups was agreed for the period from 1st October, 2009 till 30th September, 2011.

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Resource Implications

Financial

There are no additional financial implications.

Human Resources

None.

Asset and Other Implications

None.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee agree to the allocation of political places on the District Policing Partnership Sub-Groups for the period from 1st October, 2009 till 30th September, 2011.

Decision Tracking

The Head of Committee & Members' Services will arrange for the change in Membership to take effect from 1st October.

Due date – 2nd October, 2009.

Key to Abbreviations

DPP – District Policing Partnership