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Dear Mr McNaney

## TRANSITIONAL GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EDUCATION SECTOR

I refer to ongoing correspondence about Belfast City Council's nominations for the four available Councillor Member posts on the Belfast Education and Library Board (BELB), in particular Liam Steele's letter of 9 June 2010.

As explained in the Minister's letters of 8 December 2009 and 11 February 2010, the Department should request at least two nominations for each vacancy and encourage nominating bodies to comply with that request as it upholds the principle of Ministerial choice.

Mr Steele submitted the names of seven Councillors for consideration. However, Councillors Browne and Kelly have subsequently advised the Department that they do not wish to be considered for selection and have withdrawn from the process. This means that only five nominees are involved in the process rather than eight (ie a minimum of 2 nominees for each of the 4 posts) which were sought. I would therefore be grateful to receive, as soon as possible, the names and addresses of at least three additional Councillors who would be willing to serve on BELB for the transitional period. My e-mail address is as follows [mervyn.gregg@deni.gov.uk](mailto:mervyn.gregg@deni.gov.uk).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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