



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Nomination to the Northern Ireland Policing Board of Independent Members</b>
<b>Date:</b>	17th February, 2012
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Suzanne Wylie, Director of Health and Environment Services, Ext. 3260
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<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	The Council is required, under Part 3 of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 to establish the Belfast PCSP and the four DPCSPs. The legislation requires that a Public Appointments process is undertaken in order to appoint the Independent Members to the Partnership and, in accordance with the Statutory Code of Practice on the Appointment of Independent Members to the PCSPs/DPCSPs, the Council has appointed a short-listing and interviewing panel for the purpose of determining which of the independent applicants are deemed to be suitable for appointment.
1.2	The Statutory Code, at paragraph 64, requires the Council to formally nominate to the NIPB those deemed to be suitable for appointment by the interview panel.
1.3	The interviewing panel will commence its work on 17th February with the completion of interviews on 9th March. This would result in the list of suitable candidates being tabled at the Strategic Policy and Resource Committee meeting on 23rd March and approved and adopted by Council at its meeting on 2nd April.

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	Bearing in mind the tight timescales that the NIPB is working to in relation to this appointment process, the NIPB's Interim Chief Executive has written to all Council Chief Executives requesting that, providing that the appropriate Council agreement can be secured, Councils try to expedite this element of the process as quickly as practicable.
2.2	To ensure that the NIPB's final appointment panels can proceed with the appointment stage without undue delay, it is suggested that authority is delegated to the Strategic Policy and Resource Committee to approve at its meeting on 23rd March, on behalf of the Council, the list of suitable candidates.

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	None

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>
	None

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
<u>5.1</u>	That the Council be recommended to delegate authority to the Strategic Policy and Resource Committee to approve, on behalf of the Council, the list of suitable candidates for consideration by the NIPB as Independent Members of the Belfast PCSP/DPCSPs.

<b>6</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
	PCSP – Policing and Community Safety Partnership DPCSP – District Policing and Community Safety Partnership NIPB – Northern Ireland Policing Board

<b>7</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	Suzanne Wylie, Director of Health and Environmental Services  24th March, 2012