

Chief Executive's Department



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Mr John Murphy
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Dear Mr Murphy

BELFAST DISTRICT COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT GUIDANCE ON FILLING POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND APPOINTING COUNCILLORS TO COMMITTEES

I am writing in relation to your request seeking comments from Belfast District Council on the consultation on the draft guidance on filling positions of responsibility and appointing councillors to committees.

Given the timescales set for this response, the Council has not had an opportunity to bring this to the attention of the relevant committee. The following response has therefore been provided by officers on the basis that it will be presented to the relevant committee in August and will be subject to ratification by full Shadow Council on 9 September.

The Council has noted that both parts of the draft guidance were followed at the first meeting of the Belfast District Shadow Council in order to fill the designated positions of responsibility for the shadow period (Presiding Councillor, Deputy Presiding Councillor and the Chair and Deputy Chair of each of the four committees); and also to make the appointments of councillors to each of the four standing committees and the Partnership Panel. The Council had no issue with the guidance as drafted and would therefore be content to issue a Nil response to the consultation*.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Wylie'.

Suzanne Wylie
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