

Causeway Coast & Glens Shadow Council

To: Organisational Development Committee

Political Appointment to the Policing & Community Safety Partnership

22nd January 2015

For Decision

2.0 Report to Committee

Linkage to Interim Corporate Plan	
Strategic Themes	Cohesive Community.
Lead Officer	Richard Baker Transitional Management Team - Leisure and Development Group Lead. Corporate Director - Coleraine Borough Council
Cost: (If applicable)	

2.1 Introduction

Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs) are statutory bodies established under the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (the Act), specifically sections 20 to 34 and Schedules 1 and 2. PCSPs are statutory bodies established under the Justice Act and are therefore separate and distinct from committees of Council.

Under Section 20 of the Act, Councils are obliged to establish a PCSP structure in their locality. At 1 April 2015 and following the reorganisation of Local Government, there will be 11 PCSPs – one for each of the District Council areas in Northern Ireland.

Under the auspices of Paragraph 3 of Schedules 1 and 2 to the Justice Act, Councils have a statutory obligation in appointing political members to ensure that, so far as practicable, the political members reflect the balance of parties prevailing in the council immediately after the last local general election.

Section 6 of the Local Government Act lists those positions that are positions of responsibility, within Section 6(1)(f) specifying that this includes being appointed as an external representative of a council (i.e. a person nominated by the council to serve on an external public body established by or under statutory provision).

2.2 Background

Council received a report in November 2014 in relation to key decisions required in preparation for the reconstitution of the Policing & Community Safety Partnership effective from the 1st April 2015, namely

- a) The size of the PCSP,
- b) The proportional membership of Councillors.

Council has made the following decisions:

- The new PCSP for Causeway Coast & Glens is to be made up of 10 elected representatives and 9 social representatives.
- Council representation is to follow the D'hondt system.

The decision on the nomination of elected representatives to the body was deferred to January.

2.3 Detail

Members are now requested to make the nominations for the PCSP and to decide on the rota for the appointment of Chair for the term of the current Council.

The breakdown of parties are as follows:

Number of places	DUP	UU	SF	SDLP	TUV
10	3	3	2	1	1

Year	Chair
1	Name of Chair
2	Name of Party
3	Name of Party
4	Name of Party

2.4 Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- Council nominates 10 elected representatives to the PCSP.**
- Council decides which party will hold the position of Chair in years 1, 2, 3 and 4.**

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