

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

25 May 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

You are hereby invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Ards and North Down Borough Council which will be held in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bangor** on **Wednesday, 1 June 2022** commencing at **11.00am**. Refreshments will be served at 10:30am.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Reid
Chief Executive
Ards and North Down Borough Council

A G E N D A

1. Prayer
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Mayor's Review
5. Appointments to Positions of Responsibility (Report attached)
 - a) Appointment of Mayor and Deputy Mayor
 - b) Appointments to other Positions of Responsibility
6. Election of Alderman (Report attached)
7. Playing of National Anthem

MEMBERSHIP OF ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Alderman Carson	Councillor Edmund
Alderman Gibson	Councillor Gilmour
Alderman Girvan	Councillor Greer
Alderman Irvine	Councillor Irvine
Alderman Keery	Councillor Johnson
Alderman McDowell	Councillor Kendall
Alderman McIlveen	Councillor Kennedy
Alderman Smith	Councillor McArthur
Alderman Wilson	Councillor McAlpine
Councillor Adair (Deputy Mayor)	Councillor McClean
Councillor Armstrong-Cotter	Councillor McKee
Councillor Blaney	Councillor McKimm
Councillor Boyle	Councillor McRandal
Councillor Brooks (Mayor)	Councillor Smart
Councillor Cathcart	Councillor P Smith
Councillor Chambers	Councillor T Smith
Councillor Cooper	Councillor Thompson
Councillor Cummings	Councillor Walker
Councillor Douglas	
Councillor S Dunlop	

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Report Classification	Unclassified
Council/Committee	Council - Annual Meeting
Date of Meeting	01 June 2022
Responsible Director	Chief Executive
Responsible Head of Service	N/A
Date of Report	20 April 2022
File Reference	CX210
Legislation	Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Subject	Appointment to Positions of Responsibility
Attachments	Appendix 1 - d'Hondt POR order

Background

Appointments to Positions of Responsibility are governed by Part 3 and Schedule 1 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014. In accordance with the Act, the Council agreed at its Annual Meeting on 22 May 2019 a list of 91 positions to be appointed as Positions of Responsibility, and that such appointments would be made using the d'Hondt method. Party Nominating Officers and Independent Members thereafter proceeded to select Positions of Responsibility in the order determined by the d'Hondt calculation.

Where Positions of Responsibility were not for the full four-year term of the Council, Party Nominating Officers were only required to specify the individual Party Members taking Year 1 (2019/20) Positions. Year 2 – Year 4 Positions were allocated on a Party basis and individual Party Members are appointed to these by the Nominating Officers at the Annual Meeting in the relevant year, with year 2 and 3 appointments being made at the Annual Meetings on 3 June 2020 and 2 June 2021 respectively.

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Year 4 Positions of Responsibility to be appointed

Party Nominating Officers should identify the Members to be appointed to the year 4 (2022/23) Positions of Responsibility as follows:

Position	Year 4
Mayor	Alliance
Deputy Mayor	UUP
Corporate Services Committee - Chair	UUP
Corporate Services Committee – Vice Chair	DUP
Regeneration and Development Committee - Chair	Alliance
Regeneration and Development Committee - Vice Chair	DUP
Planning Committee - Chair	DUP
Planning Committee - Vice Chair	Alliance
Environment Committee - Chair	Alliance
Environment Committee - Vice Chair	Green
Community and Wellbeing Committee - Chair	DUP
Community and Wellbeing Committee - Vice Chair	Alliance
Audit Committee - Chair	DUP
Audit Committee - Vice Chair	Alliance

Should any Party or Independent not wish to avail of a Position of Responsibility to which they are entitled, the Position would be allocated using d'Hondt to the next Party in line for making a choice, which at present is the DUP (see list attached at Appendix 1).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following Party Nominating Officers confirm the Members to be appointed to the Positions of Responsibility as outlined in the table above:

- Alderman McIlveen (DUP)
- Alderman McDowell (Alliance)
- Councillor P Smith (UUP)
- Councillor McKee (Green Party)

D'Hondt calculation for selection order of Positions of Responsibility – 91 places in total

1	DUP	41	DUP	81	DUP
2	Alliance	42	Alliance	82	Alliance - PCSP
3	UUP	43	UUP	83	UUP - PCSP
4	DUP	44	DUP	84	DUP - PCSP
5	Alliance	45	Alliance	85	Alliance - PCSP
6	DUP	46	DUP	86	DUP - PCSP
7	UUP	47	UUP	87	UUP - PCSP
8	DUP	48	DUP	88	DUP - PCSP
9	Alliance	49	Alliance	89	Alliance - PCSP
10	Green	50	Green	90	Green - PCSP
11	DUP	51	DUP	91	DUP - PCSP
12	UUP	52	UUP	92	UUP (on account of forfeited pick 76)
13	Alliance	53	Alliance	93	Alliance (on account of T.Smith resigning from Audit 1.12.20)
14	DUP	54	DUP	94	DUP (on account of Green Party forfeiting y3 C&WB Chair)
15	DUP	55	DUP	95	DUP (spare)
16	Alliance	56	Alliance	96	Alliance (spare)
17	UUP	57	UUP	97	UUP (spare)
18	DUP	58	DUP	98	DUP (spare)
19	Alliance	59	Alliance	99	Alliance (spare)
20	UUP	60	UUP	100	UUP (spare)
21	DUP	61	DUP		
22	Green	62	Green		
23	Alliance	63	Alliance		
24	DUP	64	DUP		
25	UUP	65	UUP		
26	DUP	66	DUP		
27	Alliance	67	Alliance		
28	DUP	68	DUP		
29	UUP	69	UUP		
30	Alliance	70	Alliance		
31	DUP	71	DUP		
32	DUP	72	DUP		
33	Alliance	73	Alliance		
34	UUP	74	UUP		
35	Green	75	Green		
36	Menagh	76	Menagh-(forfeited)		
37	SDLP	77	SDLP		
38	Smith	78	Smith		

39	TUV	79	TUV		
40	McKimm	80	McKimm		

Note –

- The d'Hondt calculation to ensure PCSPs reflect the balance of parties on the Council is DUP 4, Alliance 3, UUP 2 and Green 1. As these places are Positions of Responsibility (POR), allocation of these places must be taken from the overall POR allowance for each party.
- The order of selection of up to 100 positions of responsibility has been provided in the table for reference purposes should any additional positions be created during this Council term.

Total number of choices based on 91 Positions of Responsibility:

- DUP - 33
- Alliance Party – 23 (but they have 24 on account of T.Smith giving one of his up)
- UUP – 18 (but they have 19 as Alderman Menagh only chose one POR at 2019 Annual Meeting)
- Green Party - 7
- Menagh – 2 (but only has 1 as he forfeited his at Annual Meeting in 2019)
- SDLP - 2
- Smith – 2 (but only has 1 as he resigned from Audit Committee on 1.12.20)
- TUV - 2
- McKimm - 2

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Date of Meeting	01 June 2022
Responsible Director	Chief Executive
Responsible Head of Service	N/A
Date of Report	05 May 2022
File Reference	CX210
Legislation	Local Government (Transitional, Incidental, Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015
Section 75 Compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Subject	Election of Alderman
Attachments	Appendix 1 - d'Hondt POR order

Background

Section 4 of the Local Government (Transitional, Incidental, Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 provides for the appointment of Aldermen to Councils. The Council may elect up to one quarter of the total number of Members as Aldermen (i.e. up to 10). Appointments normally take place in election year only and are for the full four-year term of the Council. The only exception to this is in the case of a casual vacancy in the office of Alderman, in which case the vacancy is to be filled by an election at the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

At the Annual Meeting on 22 May 2019, Council appointed the following 10 Members as Aldermen for the four-year term:

Alderman Carson
Alderman Gibson
Alderman Girvan
Alderman Irvine
Alderman Keery
Alderman McDowell

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Alderman McIlveen
Alderman Menagh
Alderman Muir
Alderman M Smith

Members will recall that, at the Annual Meeting in June 2020, Councillor Scott Wilson replaced Andrew Muir as Alderman, following his appointment to the NI Assembly.

Vacancy to be Appointed

In May 2022 Jimmy Menagh's position as Alderman became vacant when he sadly passed away. As above, this position falls to be filled by election at the Annual Meeting on 1 June 2022.

At the Council Annual Meeting on 22 May 2019 the allocation of positions for Alderman followed the d'Hondt method.

Using the d'Hondt calculation, this vacancy would fall to the Green Party for nomination. Should the Green Party not wish to avail of the position, this would be allocated using d'Hondt to the next Party in line for making a choice, which at present is the DUP (see list attached at Appendix 1).

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It is recommended that the Council agree to elect an Alderman.

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