

**REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM PROGRAMME  
STRUCTURES – POLITICAL REPRESENTATION ON THE REGIONAL  
TRANSITION COMMITTEE**

**Agenda: 10**

**Summary: This paper makes recommendations for ensuring political representation on the Regional Transition Committee.**

**Action Required: Presented for agreement.**

**BACKGROUND**

1. The final report on the review of the organisational structures, in place for managing and integrating the Local Government Reform Programme, was signed off at the last SLB meeting on 16 October 2009.

**DETAIL**

2. A key recommendation, inter alia, is the establishment of a new group to be known as the Regional Transition Committee (RTC). The membership of the RTC will comprise one elected representative from each of the eleven Statutory Transition Committees, possibly the chair, and the five NILGA representatives on the Strategic Leadership Board (SLB).
3. It was accepted by SLB members that, to accommodate political representation on the RTC, there may be a need to increase the number of

members. The attached Annex sets out proposals on how this can be achieved.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

4. It is recommended that members agree the proposals, set out in the Annex, for ensuing proportionality on the RTC.

**NILGA**

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## **ANNEX**

### **Proposals for Topping up Regional Transition Committee Membership**

1. The RTC will comprise at least 16 elected members including five NILGA representatives on the SLB (one from each political party) plus one representative from each of the 11 transition committees.
2. As the five NILGA representatives are standing members of the RTC these positions are omitted from the allocation of D'Hondt. Any requirement for additional elected member representation shall be assessed when the representative from STCs has been confirmed.
3. Using NILGA's *Nomination to Outside Bodies Schedule* which uses the D'Hondt method of allocation; taking the first 11 positions, political representation from the Transition Committees on the RTC should be:-

- a. 4 DUP
- b. 3 Sinn Fein
- c. 2UUP
- d. 2 SDLP

#### NILGA Nomination to Outside Bodies Schedule

Position	Party
1.	DUP
2.	SF
3.	UUP
4.	SDLP
5.	DUP
6.	SF
7.	DUP
8.	UUP
9.	SDLP
10.	DUP
11.	SF
12.	UUP
13.	DUP
14.	SDLP
15.	SF
16.	DUP
17.	ALL
18.	UUP
19.	DUP
20.	SF

4. To illustrate whether top up is relevant three examples are set out below.

5. Under **Example1** appointments received from Transition Committees are:-

- a. 3 DUP
- b. 4 Sinn Fein

- c. 2 UUP
- d. 2 SDLP

6. To accommodate 4 Sinn Fein appointments, using the *Nomination to Outside Bodies Schedule*, allocation on D'Hondt will go to position 15 resulting in a breakdown by party of:-

- a. 5 DUP
- b. 4 Sinn Fein
- c. 3 UUP
- d. 3 SDLP

#### NILGA Nomination to Outside Bodies Schedule

Position	Party
1.	DUP
2.	SF
3.	UUP
4.	SDLP
5.	DUP
6.	SF
7.	DUP
8.	UUP
9.	SDLP
10.	DUP
11.	SF
12.	UUP
13.	DUP
14.	SDLP
15.	SF
16.	DUP
17.	ALL
18.	UUP
19.	DUP
20.	SF

7. To achieve proportionality and inclusivity the relevant party nominating officer would therefore be required to appoint an additional 2 DUP members, 1UUP member and 1 SDLP member resulting in the RTC comprising 20 elected members.

8. **Example 2** sees nominations from Transition Committees comprising :
- a. 4 DUP
  - b. 3 Sinn Fein
  - c. 3 UUP
  - d. 1 SDLP

#### NILGA Nomination to Outside Bodies Schedule

Position	Party
1.	DUP
2.	SF
3.	UUP
4.	SDLP
5.	DUP
6.	SF
7.	DUP
8.	UUP
9.	SDLP
10.	DUP
11.	SF
12.	UUP
13.	DUP
14.	SDLP
15.	SF
16.	DUP
17.	ALL

18.	UUP
19.	DUP
20.	SF

9. Again using the *Nomination to Outside Bodies Schedule* to accommodate 3 UUP nominations, allocation will go to position 12 resulting in a breakdown by party of:-

- a. 4 DUP
- b. 3 Sinn Fein
- c. 3UUP
- d. 2 SDLP

10. In this example to achieve proportionality and inclusivity the relevant party nominating officer would therefore be required to appoint an additional 1 SDLP member resulting in the RTC comprising 17 elected members.

11. **Example 3** would result in nominations from Transition Committees of :

- a. 4 DUP
- b. 3 Sinn Fein
- c. 2 UUP
- d. 2 SDLP

#### NILGA Nomination to Outside Bodies Schedule

Position	Party
1.	DUP
2.	SF
3.	UUP
4.	SDLP
5.	DUP
6.	SF

7.	DUP
8.	UUP
9.	SDLP
10.	DUP
11.	SF
12.	UUP
13.	DUP
14.	SDLP
15.	SF
16.	DUP
17.	ALL
18.	UUP
19.	DUP
20.	SF

12. In this example a top is not required as the make- up of the RTC would be proportionate and inclusive.