

<b>Peace IV Partnership Governance</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> August 2016</b>
<b>To: Leisure and Development Committee For Decision</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities
<b>Outcome</b>	Council will work to develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Julie Welsh - Head of Community & Culture Jonathan McCarron – Peace IV Manager
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	N/A

**The purpose of this report is to agree a policy on the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair for the Causeway Coast & Glens Peace IV Partnership.**

### **Introduction**

An interim Partnership Chairperson was nominated and agreed at the first meeting of the Partnership on 13 June 2016. This interim Chairperson will Chair the second meeting of the Partnership (mid-September 2016) and will direct members in the election of a permanent Chair and Vice Chair.

What follows are three distinct options for the Committee to consider in relation to the election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Partnership.

The Committee are requested to agree on one option.

### **Options for Consideration**

#### **Option 1**

**1.1** The Causeway Coast and Glens Council is the Lead Partner, and the PEACE IV funding contract will be between SEUPB and the Council. As such, the Chairperson of the Partnership shall always be a locally elected Councillor. The Chair will be selected using D'Hondt and the period in office will be for 12 months at a time.

**1.2** The Vice-Chairperson of the Partnership shall always be one of the social partners who will be elected by the Members of the Partnership to run concurrently with the office of the Chair. The period in office will be for 12 months at a time.

**1.3** If the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent from a meeting, those present shall elect one of the Members of the Partnership to act as a Chairperson.

#### **Option 2**

**2.1** To create a balance between the Council (as the Lead Partner and ultimate decision making body) and the Partnership (in which social partners make up an overall minority), the Partnership shall always be chaired by one of the 10 Social Partners who will be elected by the Members of the Partnership. The period in office will be for 12 months at a time.

**2.2** The Vice-Chairperson of the Partnership shall always be one of the locally elected Councillors running concurrently with the office of the Chair. The Vice-Chair will be selected using the D'Hondt and the period in office will be for 12 months at a time.

**2.3** If the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent from a meeting, those present shall elect one of the Members of the Partnership to act as a Chairperson.

**Option 3**

**3.1** The Chairmanship of the Partnership shall rotate on an annual basis between the Councillors and Social Partners. When the Chair is a Councillor the selection shall be made using D’Hondt and when the Chair is a Social Partner they will be elected by the Members of the Partnership. The period in office will be for 12 months at a time.

**3.2** The Vice-Chairmanship of the Partnership shall rotate on an annual basis between the Councillors and Social Partners. When the Vice-Chair is a Councillor the selection shall be made using D’Hondt and when the Vice-Chair is a Social Partner they will be elected by the Members of the Partnership. The period in office will be for 12 months at a time.

**3.3** When the Chair is a Councillor, then the Vice-Chair will be a Social Partner. When the Chair is a Social Partner, then the Vice-Chair will be a Councillor.

**3.4** If the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent from a meeting, those present shall elect one of the Members of the Partnership to act as a Chairperson.

**Summary**

<b>Option 1</b>	
Chairperson	Councillor for a period of 12 months at a time
Deputy Chairperson	Social Partner for a period of 12 months at a time

<b>Option 2</b>	
Chairperson	Social Partner for a period of 12 months at a time
Deputy Chairperson	Councillor for a period of 12 months at a time

<b>Option 3</b>	
Chairperson	Annually rotates between Councillor and Social Partner
Deputy Chairperson	Annually rotates between Councillor and Social Partner

**Recommendation**

That the Committee agrees on one of the options provided for the election of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to the Peace IV Partnership.