

Causeway Coast & Glens

Borough Council

To: Corporate Policy and Resource Committee

Date: 20th October 2015

For Decision

1.0 Coleraine Harbour Commissioners

Linkage to Corporate Plan	
Strategic Priority	Providing Civic Leadership
Objective	Ensure good governance and management of Council business and delivery of services
Lead Officer	Brid Lofthouse
Cost (if applicable)	

1. Context and Background

The 4-year term of office for the current Harbour Commissioners ends in December 2015. The legislation governing the establishment of the Commission is the “River Bann Navigation Order (NI) 2002 and the relevant parts of that order are as follows:

“The Commissioners shall consist of up to 12 persons who shall be appointed by the Council”
[Schedule 1 Section 3 (1)] ;

The Commissioners shall consist of :-

- a. 3 member of Council;
- b. 2 persons representing users of the harbour;
- c. 6 persons who are not members of Council; and
- d. the General Manager or other senior officer of the Commissioners for the time being
[Schedule 1 Section 3 (2)]

2. Current Situation

Currently sitting on the Commissioners board are :-

- a. 3 member of Council;
- b. 0 persons representing users of the harbour;
- c. 4 persons who are not members of Council; and
- d. the General Manager or other senior officer of the Commissioners for the time being
[Schedule 1 Section 3 (2)]

Whilst the Department of Rural Development recommends that Council follow the Code of Practice for Public Appointments, Council is not a public body as defined in the Code and therefore the limitations on the number of extensions to Harbour Commissioners does not apply.

3. Recommendations

To ensure that the new board is in place for 1st January 2016, the following recommendations are proposed:-

1. It is recommended that Council nominate three Councillors to sit on the Board from 1st January 2016.
2. For those Commissioners (not persons of Council) who are currently in post, it is recommended that Council extend them in post for the next four years, commencing 1st January 2106.
3. For the 4 vacant posts (2 persons who are not members of Council and 2 persons representing the users of the harbour) it is recommended that Council begin a selection process to fill those posts.
4. Due to LGR and the demands on the Council's OD/HR department, it is recommended that Council use one of the two recruitment agencies it currently has contracts with to carry out this recruitment exercise.