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Candidates for the 2014 Elections in Northern Ireland by Gender

1 Introduction

This Briefing Note supplements previous papers¹ written in the context of a review by the Assembly and Executive Review Committee of the representation of women in the Northern Ireland Assembly. The Note summarises candidates for the European and local government election in Northern Ireland by gender.

2 Candidates for Election to the European Parliament 2014

The following table summarises the candidate list for election to the European Parliament. Four of the ten candidates are women (40%).

¹ Research and Information Service Research Paper 9/14 *Women in the Northern Ireland Assembly*, 3 September 2013: http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/Documents/RaISe/Publications/2014/assembly_exec_review/potter0914.pdf; Research and Information Service Briefing Note *Women in the Northern Ireland Assembly – Update*, 19 March 2014, tabled at the Committee 25 March 2014.

Party	Male	Female
Traditional Unionist Voice	Jim Allister	
Sinn Féin		Martina Anderson
Social Democratic and Labour Party	Alex Attwood	
NI Conservatives	Mark Brotherton	
Green Party	Ross Brown	
Democratic Unionist Party		Diane Dodds
Alliance Party		Anna Lo
Aspire to Better		Tina McKenzie
Ulster Unionist Party	Jim Nicholson	
UK Independence Party	Henry Reilly	
Total	6	4

3 Candidates for the Local Government Elections 2014

The table on the following page shows the candidates for the elections to the eleven 'shadow' councils in Northern Ireland, following local government reform. Table shows male and female representation by council area and party.

The figures suggest that 24% of candidates are female, ranging from 33% to 0% depending on party. Mid and East Antrim has the lowest proportion of female candidates (17%) and Belfast the highest (30%).

The proportion of women candidates matches the current proportion of sitting women councillors, which suggests there will not be a significant increase after the elections.

Council		DUP	SF	UUP	SDLP	Alliance	Green	TUV	UKIP	NI21	PUP	NI Con	Other	Indep.	Total
Antrim and Newtownabbey	M	17	5	11	5	8	-	4	-	3	4	-	-	2	59
	F	5	2	1	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	14
Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	M	13	11	11	7	5	-	3	3	3	3	-	1	2	62
	F	4	5	5	5	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	21
Belfast	M	15	15	9	11	10	3	4	2	6	7	3	10	4	99
	F	6	9	1	4	7	2	1	-	7	2	-	3	-	42
Causeway Coast and Glens	M	14	8	10	6	4	-	6	3	2	1	1	-	4	59
	F	5	4	2	7	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	23
Derry and Strabane	M	6	15	3	16	3	-	1	3	-	1	-	-	8	56
	F	4	6	2	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	18
Fermanagh and Omagh	M	8	15	9	6	3	2	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	48
	F	3	6	1	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	19
Lisburn and Castlereagh	M	18	-	8	5	6	3	6	2	10	1	1	-	2	62
	F	8	3	1	1	3	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	1	21
Mid and East Antrim	M	19	4	10	3	7	-	8	1	2	5	1	2	8	70
	F	6	1	1	1	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Mid Ulster	M	7	15	10	5	1	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	5	48
	F	4	5	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Newry, Mourne and Down	M	5	14	8	13	3	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	6	54
	F	2	5	1	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	14

Council		DUP	SF	UUP	SDLP	Alliance	Green	TUV	UKIP	NI21	PUP	NI Con	Other	Indep.	Total
North Down and Ards	M	19	-	10	2	8	2	5	2	5	-	7	1	6	67
	F	4	1	2	1	4	2	-	1	2	-	-	1	2	20
Total	M	141	101	99	80	58	10	44	20	33	22	13	15	48	684
	F	51	47	17	40	24	4	5	2	15	3	-	5	8	221
Percent female		27	32	15	33	30	29	10	9	31	12	0	25	14	24