

Appointment of co-opted members

SUMMARY

- 1.1 There is provision for up to eight co-opted members to be appointed to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Board to partake in discussion on education matters. Three are directly nominated faith representatives (categorised as Church of England, Catholic and other faiths), while between two and five parent governors can also be appointed.
- 1.2 None of the council's previous co-opted appointees to the board remain in place, with some having resigned, others having lapsed as a result of not attending a meeting for more than six months and others having exceeded their term of office.
- 1.3 This report seeks to update members on progress in filling vacant positions ahead of a report progressing to Council for ratification on 18 December 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note that the Bishop of Derby has nominated Reverend Eleanor Berry to be the representative in the Church of England category.
- 2.2 To note that the University of Derby has nominated Dr Phil Henry to be the representative in the 'other faiths' category.
- 2.3 To note that a nomination is awaited from the Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service for a representative in the Catholic category.
- 2.4 To note that three parent governor nominations have been received, all from representatives of local authority-run primary schools within the city.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure board members are aware of likely appointments to be ratified by Council at its meeting on 18 December 2013.
- 3.2 The council is required to hold an election of parent governors where the number of nominations is greater than the number of places available. As this number of

nominations has not been received there is no contest. All of the nominations received are qualified to sit as co-opted parent governors.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Conditions of appointment

- 4.1 Co-opted appointees to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Board must consent to abide by the Members' Code of Conduct.
- 4.2 Co-opted appointees have the same entitlement to contribute to debates on education matters before the scrutiny board as do elected members, although this privilege does not extend to non-education matters within the board's terms of reference.
- 4.3 Terms of office will last for four years from 1 January 2014 unless a change in circumstances result in the appointed individuals ceasing to qualify.

Nominations process

- 4.4 The Bishop of Derby, Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service and University of Derby were directly approached to make nominations to the three directly nominated categories.
- 4.5 All parent governors in the city were provided with the opportunity to nominate themselves or peers, and sufficient time was built into the process to enable an election in the event that surplus nominations were received. Three nominations were received, meaning all three nominees are able to progress to Council uncontested.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	NA
Financial officer	NA
Human Resources officer	NA
Estates/Property officer	NA
Service Director(s)	Janie Berry – NOT APPROVED YET

Other(s)	Phil O'Brien – NOT APPROVED YET
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None.

Legal

2.1 None.

Personnel

3.1 None.

Equalities Impact

4.1 None.

Health and Safety

5.1 None.

Environmental Sustainability

6.1 None.

Property and Asset Management

7.1 None.

Risk Management

8.1 None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 Ensuring up-to-date co-opted appointments on the Children and Young People Board, or any successor body, will result in better engagement with relevant bodies and representatives on education matters.

