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## **Appointment of Co-opted Members**

### **Purpose**

- 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 take part in discussion on education matters. Three are directly nominated faith representatives (categorised as Church of England, Catholic and other faiths), while between two to five parent governors can also be appointed.
- 1.2 This provision originates from requirements for the inclusion of representatives specifically mentioned in Section 499 of the Education Act 1996, which also applies to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees by virtue of Schedule 1 of the Local Government Act 2000.
- 1.3 On 30 August 2019, Chris Reynolds, the co-opted member for the Nottingham Catholic Diocese, resigned from the Board. Chris had been appointed on 1 January 2018 for a four year term ending on 1 January 2022. The Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service have since nominated Tracey Churchill, Executive Headteacher at St Joseph's Catholic Voluntary Academy as the Catholic Diocesan representative.
- 1.4 A further resignation from Ruth Richardson, the co-opted member for "Other Faiths", was received on 21 January 2020. Ruth had been appointed on 1 January 2018 for a four year term ending on 1 January 2022. The Multi Faith Centre have since nominated Graham Sweeney, who was appointed Interim Director of the Centre and commenced in post on 18 May 2018, as the "Other Faiths" representative.

### **Recommendations**

- 2.1 To note and endorse the nomination of Tracey Churchill to the Board and to request that Council approve her appointment as the Catholic Diocesan Representative.
- 2.2 To note and endorse the nomination of Graham Sweeney to the Board and to request that Council approve his appointment as the Other Faiths Representative.
- 2.3 To thank Chris Reynolds and Ruth Richardson for the contribution they have made to the Board.

## **Reason(s)**

- 3.1 To finalise the appointment of the statutory co-opted representatives for the Catholic Diocese and “Other Faiths” to the Board.

## **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 Councillors' Code of Conduct, including the requirement to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests.
- 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 The term of office will be from September 2020 until January 2022 being the remaining period from the initial appointment made for Chris Reynolds of the Catholic Diocese and Ruth Richardson, Other Faiths Representative, for four years from 1 January 2018 until 1 January 2022.

### **Nominations Process**

- 4.4 In 2017 the Bishop of Derby, as Chair of the Derby Diocesan Board of Education (Church of England), the Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service and the Multi-Faith Centre were directly approached to make nominations to the three directly nominated faith categories.
- 4.5 Currently there is one faith representative remaining, Nicky Fenton for the Church of England. Tracey Churchill is the proposed representative for the Roman Catholic Diocesan Board. Graham Sweeney is the proposed representative for “Other Faiths”.

### **Parent Governor Representatives**

- 4.6 The legislation provides for between two and five parent governor representatives. The Council is required to hold an election of parent governors where the number of nominations is greater than the number of places available. There are currently three parent governor representatives, Gillian Butler, St Martin's School, Chris Hulse, Ashgate Primary School and Stephen Grundy, Firs Primary School.

## **Public/stakeholder engagement**

- 5.1 N/A

## **Other options**

- 6.1 N/A

## Financial and value for money issues

7.1 None

## Legal implications

8.1 None

## Other significant implications

9.1 None

This report has been approved by the following people:

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