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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.

### **Recommendations**

- 2.1 To note the resignation of Nicky Fenton as the Church of England Representative on 17 February 2023.
- 2.2 To note and endorse the nomination of Venerable Matthew Trick to the Board and to request that Council approve his appointment as the Church of England Representative for the remainder of the four-year period from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026
- 2.3 To note the process for nomination/re-nomination of the remaining co-opted other-faith representative is ongoing.
- 2.4 To note that the process for nominations for two to five co-opted parent governors from local authority-maintained schools will begin on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- 2.5 To note that Council will be asked to approve the nominations for the co-opted faith representatives for the Church of England.

### **Reasons**

- 3.1 The Church of England Representative was re-appointed to the Board for a four-year term of office from 31 January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026. However, she resigned from the position on 17 February 2023 and the Bishop of Derby was asked to nominate a replacement. The Bishop of Derby is still in the process of finding a suitable nomination for the Other Faiths representative. Once this has been received,

it will be brought to the Board for their agreement and then sent to Council for approval.

- 3.2 A letter will be sent to all local authority-maintained schools in Derby City via the Council's Governor Support Team, inviting nominations for parent governor representatives from Derby City Council Maintained Schools to the Board by the end of December 2023. The legislation provides for between two and five parent governor representatives. The Board will be kept updated on progress throughout the process until the co-opted parent governors join the Board. Following the outcome of the appointment process, Council will be asked to confirm the appointment of the co-opted parent governors 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
- 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 for four years for both the Faith and the Parent Governor appointees from the date of their appointment.

### **Public/stakeholder engagement**

- 5.1 N/A

### **Other options**

- 6.1 None

### **Financial and value for money issues**

- 7.1 None

### **Legal implications**

- 8.1 None

### **Climate implications**

- 9.1 None

### **Other significant implications**

- 10.1 None

This report has been approved by the following people:

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Background papers: List of appendices:
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