# CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY REVIEW BOARD 14 February 2022



**ITEM 10** 

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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 and endorse the nomination of Tracey Churchill to the Board and to request that Council approve her appointment as the Catholic Diocesan Representative for a further four-year period from 31st January 2022 to 31st January 2026.
- 2.2 To note and endorse the nomination of Nicky Fenton to the Board and to request that Council approve her appointment as the Church of England Representative for a further four-year period from 31st January 2022 to 31st 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 no nominations for two to five co-opted parent governors were received from local authority-maintained schools. The nomination request process will be repeated in six months.
- 2.5 To note that Council will be asked to approve the nominations for the two co-opted faith representatives (Catholic Diocesan and Church of England).

## Reasons

3.1 The four-year term of office for both nominated faith representatives and parent governor representatives finished on 31 December 2021. The Catholic Diocesan Board have nominated Tracey Churchill to continue as their representative. The Bishop of Derby has nominated Nicky Fenton to continue as the Church of England

- representative. The Bishop of Derby is in the process of finding a suitable nomination for the Other Faiths representative. Once this have been received, it will be brought to the Board for their agreement and then sent to Council for approval.
- 3.2 A letter has been 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 20 December 2021. The legislation provides for between two and five parent governor representatives. However, no responses were received by the deadline. A further letter requesting nominations will be sent in six months. 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 January 31, 2022, until 31 January 2026.

#### 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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