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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 that two co-opted faith representatives for Church of England and the Catholic Diocesan Board were appointed 31 January 2022 until January 2026. The election process for two to five co-opted parent governors was re-started in October 2022.
- 2.2 To note that a nomination is still needed for the “Other Faiths” representative
- 2.3 To note that once the process has been completed the Board and Council will be asked to approve the nomination for the outstanding faith representative and note the election of between two to five co-opted Parent Governors.

Reasons

- 3.1 That a nomination will again be sought for the “Other Faiths” representative
- 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. 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. 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 election, Council will 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 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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Background papers: List of appendices:
