

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 This provision originates from requirements for the inclusion of representatives specifically mentioned in Section 499 of the Education Act 1996, which also applies to overview and scrutiny committees by virtue of Schedule 1 of the Local Government Act 2000.
- 1.3 The terms of office for the council's current co-opted members to the board expire on 31 December 2017.
- 1.4 This report seeks to ratify the appointments to take effect for four years from 1 January 2018. Information within this report was provided to the Children and Young People O&S Board

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To appoint Gill Butler and Chris Hulse and re-appoint Steve Grundy to the board with effect from 1 January 2018 as parent governor representatives.
- 2.2 To note and endorse the nomination of Ruth Richardson to the board with effect from 1 January 2018 as 'other faith' representative.
- 2.3 To note and endorse the re-nomination of Chris Reynolds to the board with effect from 1 January 2018 as the Catholic representative.
- 2.4 To note that a nomination from the Church of England is awaited.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure appropriate co-opted representation on the Children and Young People 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 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 2018 unless a change in circumstances results in the appointed individuals ceasing to qualify.

Nominations process

- 4.4 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 A letter was sent to all parent governors via the council's Governor Support team inviting nominations.

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. As three nominations only have been received, there is no contest. All of the nominations received are qualified to sit as co-opted parent governors.
- 4.7 Gill Butler is a parent governor at St Martin's School, a role she has filled for around a year. Her background is in children's services, having operated in various roles within this sector for more than 25 years. Gill has been nominated by the school's Chair of Governors, Jaqueline Jones.
- 4.8 Chris Hulse has been a parent governor at Ashgate Primary School since 2011. He works in higher education as Director of Student Services for the University of Nottingham. Chris has been nominated by Jessamie Self, Chair of Governors.
- 4.9 Steve Grundy is an existing member of the board having been co-opted to sit since 1 January 2014. Steve is a parent governor at Firs Estate Primary School. Steve expressed a desire to be reappointed following the board being updated on the recruitment process at its meeting on 30 October 2017. As a frequent attendee and contributor, his re-appointment is endorsed.

Faith representatives

- 4.10 Ruth Richardson is Director of the Multi Faith Centre and has been nominated in the 'other faiths' category by Richard Irons, Academic Registrar at the University of Derby and a Trustee of the Multi Faith Centre. Ruth has been in the role at the Multi Faith Centre for around a year.
- 4.11 Chris Reynolds is the existing nomination from the Catholic Diocese, having held a position on the board since 1 January 2014 when he was head teacher at St Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy. He has been re-nominated for a second term by the Diocese's Director of Education, Peter Giorgio.
- 4.12 A nomination is awaited from the Derby Diocesan Board of Education, for the Church of England representative. Efforts will continue to welcome a nomination, though it will not now be possible for Council to approve any such appointment prior to the current appointee's term of office expiring on 31 December 2017.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None.

Legal

2.1 Co-option of members to the board for consideration of education matters is in accordance with the provisions of the Section 499 of the Education Act 1996, which also applies to overview and scrutiny committees by virtue of Schedule 1 of the Local Government Act 2000.

Personnel

3.1 None.

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4.1 None.

Equalities Impact

5.1 None.

Health and Safety

6.1 None.

Environmental Sustainability

7.1 None.

Property and Asset Management

8.1 None.

Risk Management and Safeguarding

9.1 None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 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.