

PART 1 - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: Children and Young People PDS Committee

Date: 15th June 2010

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: CO-OPTIONS TO THE CYP PDS COMMITTEE

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

1.1 Members are asked to confirm certain Co-opted Membership appointments for 2010/11.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That the following Parent Governor Representative appointments be made to the CYP PDS Committee for 2010/11 with voting rights:

- Mr Brian James; Special School Parent Governor
- Mrs Nancy Thompson; Primary Parent Governor
- Mrs Dolores Bray-Ash, Secondary School Parent Governor

2.2 The Revd Canon John Smith representing the Church of England and Mrs Joan McConnell representing the Roman Catholic Church be appointed as Co-opted Members to the CYP PDS Committee for 2010/11 with voting rights;

2.2 The following CYP PDS Co-opted Membership appointments be made to the CYP PDS Committee for 2009/10 without voting rights:

- Mrs Jane Goodman as Looked After Children Representative;
- Mrs Karen Nicholson as Independent Schools Representative;
- Mr Michael Youlton as Primary Schools Representative;
- Mrs Alison Register as Pre-School Settings Representative
- Pearce Jarrett as Young Peoples Representative and
- Ms Jenny Selway as NHS Bromley Representative;

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy. Co-opted Membership at relevant PDS Committees is encouraged given the added value that Co-opted Membership can bring to a PDS Committee's work
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: N/A
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A.
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £476,706
 5. Source of funding: N/A
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): There are 14 posts in the Democratic Services team (11.89 fte, of which 10 fte are dedicated to committee support).
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory requirement. The Parent Governor Representatives (England) Regulations 2001 require the election of a minimum of two and a maximum of five Parent Governors to any Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee. DfEE Circular 19/99 contains a specific direction of the Secretary of State under section 499 of the Education Act 1996 requiring local authorities in England to appoint representatives of the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church to their Committees dealing with education.
 2. Call-in: Call-in is not applicable. This report does not involve an executive decision
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

Co-opted Membership for 2010/11

- 3.1 Under the terms of DfES Circular 19/99 both the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church are entitled to representation on any Committee which exists to oversee and scrutinise the Executive's education decisions. The Revd Canon John Smith will continue to represent the Church of England Rochester Diocesan Board of Education and Mrs Joan McConnell will continue to represent the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark Commission for Schools and Colleges.
- 3.2 Under the terms of the Parent Governor Representatives (England) Regulations 2001, the Council must provide for the election of a minimum of two and a maximum of five Parent Governors to any Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Following a recent School Governor Election Mr Brian James, Mrs Dolores Bray-Ash and Mrs Nancy Thompson have been elected as Parent Governor Representatives on the Children and Young People PDS Committee for a term of two years.
- 3.3 Mr Michael Youlton has been nominated to be the Primary Headteacher Representative on the Committee for the coming year and Mrs Karen Nicholson has indicated that she is willing to serve a further term as the Independent School Representative on the Committee. The closing date for nominations to the non-voting Secondary Teacher Representative position on the Committee for 2010/11 closed on 4th June 2010.
- 3.4 Bromley Youth Council has nominated Pearce Jarrett as one representative for Young People on the Committee and nominations are being sought from Schools for the other vacancy for representatives for Young People.
- 3.4 Mrs Alison Register, currently Chair of the Early Years Development and Child Care Partnership, is nominated for re-appointment as the non-voting Pre-Schools Settings Representative and Mrs Jane Goodman is nominated for re-appointment as the non-voting Looked After Children Representative.
- 3.5 Bromley NHS has nominated Ms Jenny Selway as its representative on the Children and Young People PDS Committee.

Role of Co-opted Members

- 3.6 Co-opted Members bring their own area of interest and expertise to the work of a PDS Committee. Co-opted Members often represent the interests of key groups within a Portfolio and co-option to a Committee can ensure that their views are taken into account on issues. They broaden the spectrum of involvement in the PDS process and make the intrusion of party politics into scrutiny proceedings more difficult.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy, Financial, Legal and Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	N/A