

Decision Maker: EDUCATION POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 12 November 2013

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

Title: CO-OPTION TO THE EDUCATION PDS COMMITTEE 2013/14

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Chief Officer: Director of Corporate Services

Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 Members are asked to confirm a Co-opted Membership appointment to the Education PDS Committee for 2013/14.
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2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.3 That the following Education PDS Co-opted Membership appointment be made to the Education PDS Committee for 2013/14 without voting rights:

- Mrs Jo Brinkley as Head Teacher 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: Not Applicable
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £363,070
 5. Source of funding: 2013/14 Revenue Budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): There are 10 posts (8.55fte) in the Democratic Services Team.
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not Applicable
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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: 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): Not Applicable
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

Co-opted Membership for 2013/14

- 3.1 Mrs Jo Brinkley has been nominated as the new Head Teacher Representative for a term of one year.

Role of Co-opted Members

- 3.5 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 Implications, Financial Implications, Legal Implications, Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Not Applicable