

Decision Maker: EDUCATION POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 2 July 2014

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

Title: CO-OPTIONS TO THE EDUCATION PDS COMMITTEE 2014/15

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Chief Officer: Director of Corporate Services

Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 Members are asked to confirm Co-opted Membership appointments to the Education PDS Committee for 2014/15.
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2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 That the following Parent Governor Representative appointments be made to the Education PDS Committee for 2014/15 with voting rights:

- Ms Mylene Williams, Primary Parent Governor
- Mr Tony Wright-Jones, Secondary Parent Governor
- Mr Darren Jenkins, Special School Parent Governor

- 2.2 Mrs Mary Capon representing the Church of England and Mrs Joan McConnell representing the Roman Catholic Church be appointed as Co-opted Members to the Education PDS Committee for 2014/15 with voting rights;

- 2.3 The following Education PDS Co-opted Membership appointments be made to the Education PDS Committee for 2014/15 without voting rights:

- Mrs Alison Register as Pre-School Settings Representative
- Mrs Jo Brinkley as Head Teacher Representative
- Mr Adil Ghani as Young Peoples 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: £373,410
 5. Source of funding: 2014/15 Revenue Budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): There are 10 posts (8.75fte) 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 2014/15

- 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. Mrs Mary Capon will 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 School Governor Election in May 2014, Ms Mylene Williams, Mr Tony Wright-Jones and Mr Darren Jenkins were elected as Parent Governor Representatives on the Education PDS Committee for a term of two years.
- 3.3 Mrs Alison Register has indicated that she is willing to serve a further term as the Pre-School Settings and Early Years Representative for a term of one year.
- 3.4 Mrs Jo Brinkley has indicated that she is willing to serve a further term as the Head Teacher Representative for a term of one year.
- 3.5 Bromley Youth Council has nominated Mr Adil Ghani as the representative for Young People on the Committee for a term of one year.

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