
Decision Maker: CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES PDS COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 20 June 2023

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

Title: APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS

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Chief Officer: Director of Corporate Services and Governance

Ward: All Wards

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 Members are asked to confirm Co-opted Membership appointments to the Children, Education and Families PDS Committee for 2023/24.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 That the following Parent Governor Representative appointments be made to the Children, Education and Families PDS Committee for 2023/24 with voting rights:

- Ms Shamilah Martin, Special Schools Representative

2.2 That the following Church Representative appointments be made to the Children, Education and Families PDS Committee for 2023/24 with voting rights:

- Reverend Roger Bristow, Church of England Representative

2.3 That the following Co-opted Membership appointments be made to the Children, Education and Families PDS Committee for 2023/24 without voting rights:

- Ms Alice Kirby, Bromley Youth Council Representative (Part 1 only)
- Mr Tommy Velvick, Bromley Youth Council Representative (Part 1 only)
- Ms Rosie White, Early Years Representative

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

Summary of Impact: Any Co-opted Members appointed to the PDS Committee will give due consideration to the impact of the work of the Committee on vulnerable children and young people.

Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable:
 2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority:
(1) For children and young People to grow up, thrive and have the best life chances in families who flourish and are happy to call Bromley home.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable: There is a marginal cost attached to printing agendas and posting to co-opted Members.
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £366k
 5. Source of funding: Revenue Budget
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 6 fte
 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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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: N/A
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Property

1. Summary of Property Implications: N/A
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Carbon Reduction and Social Value

1. Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications: N/A
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Impact on the Local Economy

1. Summary of Local Economy Implications: N/A
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Impact on Health and Wellbeing

1. Summary of Health and Wellbeing Implications: N/A
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Customer Impact

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

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

Co-opted Membership for 2023/24

- 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. Rev. Roger Bristow will represent the Church of England Rochester Diocesan Board of Education. There is currently a vacancy for the representative for 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. Ms Shamilah Martin has been confirmed as the Parent Governor Representative for Special Schools. There are currently vacancies for the Parent Governor Representatives for Primary and Secondary Schools. A further round of elections for Parent Governor Representatives was undertaken in May 2023, but no nominations were received for these vacant roles.
- 3.3 The Committee has previously agreed to make additional Co-opted Membership appointments in the areas of Early Years (one Co-opted membership) and the Bromley Youth Council (two Co-opted memberships – Part 1 only) without voting rights. Ms Rosie White has been confirmed as the Early Years Representative and Mr Tommy Velvick and Ms Alice Kirby, existing Bromley Youth Council Representatives, have both nominated to serve a further term.

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 Headings:	Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children, Transformation/Policy/Financial/Personnel/Legal Procurement/Property/Carbon Reduction/Social Value Implications, Impact on the Local Economy/Health and Wellbeing and Customer, Ward Councillor Views
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Not Applicable