

Select Committee on Children's Services – 16th September, 2010

Composition of the Select Committee on Children's Services: Parent Governor Representatives

Joint Report of the Director of Corporate Resources and Acting Director of Children's Services

Purpose of Report

1. To note the current position regarding the appointment of Parent Governor Representatives to the Committee.

Background

2. The Council is required by law to include elected parent governor representatives on its Committees dealing with education. Representatives have a voting entitlement on issues relating to education. The Council has determined that there shall be one representative for each of the Primary, Secondary and Special education phases; that representatives serve for a period of 2 years and that they be appointed to the Select Committee on Children's Services.
3. The current position is that vacancies exist in all three phases for representatives to serve. The term of office of the Secondary representative expired in May, 2009 and no nominations were received in the consequential election process. Councillor John Jones served as the most recent Primary representative until he was no longer eligible to do so, after being elected as a Member of the Council in May, 2010, and a vacancy for a Primary representative remains. It has not been possible to attract a nomination from the Special Education phase since parent governor representatives were first elected in 2000.
4. Arrangements for the appointment of representatives to serve for all three phases of education for the 2 year period prescribed by the Council were made in June, 2010, but no nominations in respect of any of the phases of education were received. It is therefore proposed that the election process will be re-started in early November.

Finance

5. Parent Governor representatives are entitled to receive travelling and subsistence allowances at the Council's approved rate and a financial loss allowance in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1972.

Law

6. The requirement for elected Parent Governor Representatives to serve on Council Committees dealing with education is provided for under Section 9 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The electoral arrangements are provided for in the Education (Parent Governors Representatives) (England) Regulations, 2001.

Equality Impact

7. The recommendations in this report comply with the Council's equality and diversity policies.
8. Children and young people have not been involved in the preparation of this report.

Recommendations

9. That the current position regarding the election of Parent Governor Representatives to the Committee be noted, together with intention to undertake the electoral arrangements again in early November.



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Background Papers:-