

Meeting of the Council - 26th February, 2007

Appointment of Parent Governor representative to the Select Committee on Children's Services

Report of the Director of Law and Property

Purpose

1. To approve the appointment of an elected parent governor representing the primary education sector to the Select Committee on Children's Services.

Background

2. There is a legislative requirement for elected parent governor representatives to be appointed to Committees dealing with education. The Council has agreed that one representative for each of the Primary, Secondary and Special Education sectors be appointed to the Select Committee on Children's Services.
3. A vacancy has arisen for a representative for the primary education sector, in consequence of which Mr J Jones, a parent governor of Red Hall School, has been elected to serve for the remainder of a 2 year period expiring on 9th July, 2008. The Council is asked to approve Mr Jones' appointment to the Select Committee on Children's Services for the remainder of the current municipal year.

Finance

4. The financial implications arising from the above proposals will be met from existing resources.

Law

5. The relevant statutory provisions regarding the Constitution and arrangements with respect to executives are contained in Part II of the Local Government Act, 2000, together with Regulations, Orders and Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State. The rules on proportionality (which are applied to the nomination of representatives from the minority groups) are contained in the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989 and associated regulations.
6. The power to appoint Committees and to delegate functions to Committees and officers is set out in Sections 101 and 102 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

7. The provisions regarding the entitlement of elected parent governors to serve on Committees dealing with matters relating to education are contained in Section 499 of the Education Act, 1996, DFES Circular 19/99 and the Education (Parent Governor Representatives) Regulations, 2001.

Equality Impact

8. This report has no direct implications for the Council's policies with regard to equality and diversity. The machinery for the election of Parent Governors does not involve consultation with children or young persons

Recommendations

9. That the appointment of Mr Jones to the Select Committee on Children's Services, as an elected Parent Governor representing the primary sector, be approved for the remainder of the current municipal year.

John Poyden

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Director of Law and Property