
Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 26th June 2008

Subject: Co-options to the Board

Electoral Wards Affected:

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Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

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Community Cohesion

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Narrowing the Gap

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1.0 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Members' approval for co-options to the Board.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Article 6 of the Council's Constitution, which relates to scrutiny, states that in addition to elected Members appointed by Council, the relevant Scrutiny Board dealing with education matters shall include in its membership the following voting representatives in accordance with statutory requirements:
- One Church of England diocese representative
 - One Roman Catholic diocese representative
 - Three parent governor representatives
- 2.2 A relevant Scrutiny Board is a Scrutiny Board of a local education authority, where the Board's functions relate wholly or in part to any education functions which are the responsibility of the authority's Executive. If the Scrutiny Board deals with other matters, these representatives shall not vote on those other matters, though they may stay in the meeting and speak.
- 2.3 The Church of England and Roman Catholic dioceses have nominated Professor Gosden and Mr Britten to continue as their respective representatives.

- 2.4 The current parent governor representatives are
- Mr Robert Greaves (secondary) – term of office expires 18th October 2009
 - Mrs Sue Knights (primary) – term of office expires 25th June 2010
 - Mr Ian Falkingham (special) - term of office expires 31st August 2011
- 2.5 In addition, Article 6 of the Constitution allows that each Scrutiny Board shall be entitled to appoint up to five non-voting co-optees.¹ Each Scrutiny Board may also appoint up to two non-voting co-opted Members to assist with a particular scrutiny Inquiry.
- 2.6 During 2007/2008 Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) made the following non-voting co-opted appointments:
- Two teacher representatives –Ms Celia Foote and Mr Tim Hales
 - Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership – Mrs Sandra Hutchinson
 - A representative of the Leeds Youth Work Partnership – Ms Taira Kayani
 - A representative of Leeds Voice Children and Young People Services Forum – Ms Jeanette Morris-Boam
- 2.7 The nominating bodies have indicated that they would wish the same people to continue on the Board, should the Scrutiny Board decide to maintain the same range of co-opted appointments for 2008/09.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are asked to consider co-options to the Board for the coming year.

¹ Co-option would normally only be appropriate where the co-opted Member has some specialist skill or knowledge which would be of assistance to the Board.