

REPORT TO KINCARDINE AND MEARN'S AREA COMMITTEE – 22 August 2017

APPOINTMENT TO THE SCHOOL PLACINGS AND EXCLUSIONS APPEAL COMMITTEE

1. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Area Committee –

- 1.1 Considers the nomination of one or more members of the public to serve as external members of the Committee, and makes recommendations to officers on potential candidates.**

2.0 Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 18 May 2017, Aberdeenshire Council reappointed a School Placings and Exclusions Appeal Committee in terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980.
- 2.2 The Committee is to be composed of a panel drawn from a pool of 12 Members, two appointed by each Area Committee, and a number of external Members.
- 2.3 Area Committees have been asked to identify any local residents who may be interested in serving on the Committee as an external member. Anyone who is or has been the parent of a child of school age is generally eligible for office.
- 2.4 In 2012 the Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee appointed Councillors Carr and Evison as the Committee's representatives and Mr K. Fairclough as the external member. Mr Fairclough resigned from this position in 2016 and as the Area Committee, at its meeting of 13 June 2017, valued a representative of the Community sitting on the Appeals Committee nominations are being sought.
- 2.5 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and their comments are incorporated within the report. They are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

3 Scheme of Governance

- 3.1 Aberdeenshire Council, at its meeting on 18 May 2017 **agreed**, in terms of Section A.2.2.1 of Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance, to delegate authority to Area Committees each to appoint two Elected Members and one or more members of the public to the School Placings and Exclusion Appeal Committee.
- 3.2 The Area Committee is therefore able to consider and take a decision on this item under Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance, Section B.1.1, to determine any matter that is specific to their Area not otherwise properly delegated to any other Committee.

4 Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the recommended actions are not considered to have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no staffing or financial implications arising directly as a result of this report.

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