

## **REPORT TO FORMARTINE 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 Mr Alex McRobb to serve as external member of the School Placings and Exclusions Appeal Committee.**

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 18 May 2017, Aberdeenshire Council was asked to reappoint a School Placings and Exclusions Appeal Committee in terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980.
- 2.2 It was recommended that the Committee 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 At its meeting on 13 June, 2017, the Formartine Area Committee appointed Councillor Karen Adam and Councillor Gillian Owen as the member representatives from Formartine.
- 2.4 At the meeting on 13 June, 2017, members also noted that, should they have any recommendations for external members that they wished to appoint to the School Placings and Exclusions Appeal Committee, they should notify the Formartine Area Committee Officer who would arrange for a further report to come back to the Committee for consideration, should the nominees be willing.
- 2.5 Councillor Karen Adam has identified Mr Alex McRobb as a local Formartine resident who is interesting in serving on the School Placings and Exclusions Appeal Committee, advising that he is already involved in youth work.
- 2.6 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. Any remaining staffing resources being applied to the Confident Governance Project, in particular from within Legal and Governance, are met from existing budgets.

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