

CONSTITUTION & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Wednesday, 17 October 2018
Report Subject	Request for Co-option to the Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Cabinet Member	Not applicable
Report Author	Democratic Services Manager
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the committee to consider a request for a member of the Flintshire Youth Council to be co-opted to the Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The creation of the Flintshire Youth Council was supported by the County Council on 20th June 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the committee considers the request from the Flintshire youth council to be a co-opted member of the county Council's education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE REQUEST FOR CO-OPTION OF A MEMBER OF THE FLINTSHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL TO THE EDUCATION & YOUTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
1.01	The Flintshire Youth Council has made a formal approach for one of their members to become a co-opted member of the County Council's Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
1.02	<p>The creation of the Flintshire Youth Council was subject of a Notice of Motion to County Council on 20th June 2017 and supported. The resolution was as follows:</p> <p>That the Notice of Motion on developing a Youth Council for Flintshire be supported as follows: 'This Council supports the establishment of a Youth Council for Flintshire to discuss relevant issues, engage with decision makers and contribute to improving the lives of young people within the County'.</p>
1.03	The Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee had an update on the development of the Flintshire Youth Council at the meeting on 18 th April 2018 and were supportive of the Youth Council.
1.04	The Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee has five statutory co-opted members. Two are nominated to represent the Anglican and Roman Catholic dioceses and the other three represent parent governors, and are elected following a ballot. Those co-optees all have voting rights on all the matters within the remit of the committee.
1.05	It would be acceptable to have a nomination from the Flintshire Youth Council for one of their body to become a co-opted member of the Council's Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Any such co-optee would not have the right to vote (because they are not statutory co-optees) but could speak to all items within the committee's remit. Unlike the statutory co-optees, a non-statutory co-optee would not be eligible to receive payment. It is suggested that it would be reasonable for the Youth Council to have a nominee and a deputy.
1.06	Any member of the Youth Council would be able to attend and observe at an Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee (or indeed any Overview & Scrutiny Committee) but they would not be able to speak unless they had, as with any member of the public, given notice of their request before the meeting or the chair uses their discretion to allow them to speak.
2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	None

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	The Chair of the Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Cllr David Healey has indicated that he supports the co-option of a member of the Flintshire Youth Council.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	None

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	None

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>Minute 23 of County Council, 20th June 2017. Letter from the Flintshire Youth Council dated 4th October 2018</p> <p>Contact Officer: Robert Robins, Democratic Services Manager Telephone: 01352 702320 E-mail: robert.robins@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	None