

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: LIFELONG LEARNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE

DATE: 31st MARCH 2014

REPORT BY: MEMBER ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

SUBJECT: TERM OF OFFICE OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.01 To inform the committee that the terms of office of two of the statutory co-opted Members has expired and suggest an approach to ensure representation prior to an election being held.

2.00 BACKGROUND

- 2.01 The committee currently has five co-optees. Two are appointed to represent the diocesan authorities (Mrs Rita Price and the Reverend John Thelwell) and three are elected to represent parent governors. They are Mr David Hytch (the committee's vice-chair) Mrs Rebecca Stark and Mrs Stephanie Williams.
- 2.02 Following on from the recent election of Mrs Williams and work carried out for the report on a potential co-optee for Welsh medium education (also on the agenda at today's meeting) it transpired that the terms of office of Mr Hytch and Mrs Stark had expired on 1st March 2014.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.01 Colleagues within the Lifelong Learning Directorate have initiated the election of parent governors.
- 3.02 In the circumstances, it is suggested that the most appropriate way of dealing with this issue is for the committee to formally co-opt Mr Hytch and Mrs Stark until the results of the election of parent governor representatives is known. There is provision for this within section 76 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011. This would ensure that the ability of the committee to conduct its business is not impaired.
- 3.03 For the time being, the co-optees would be able to retain their seats on the committee, with most arrangements remaining the same, apart from the loss of voting rights on education issues.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 That the committee formally co-optee Mr David Hytch and Mrs Rebecca Stark until such time as the result of the parent governor representative elections are known.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 Co-optees to the committee are eligible to claim the co-optee's allowance of £99 per half day meeting and mileage allowance of 45 pence per mile.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 Not applicable.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 Not applicable

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 Not applicable

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 Not applicable

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 Not applicable

12.00 APPENDICES

None.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.

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