

# PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

## Lifelong Learning Committee

4 September 2019

### APPOINTMENT OF CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE AND PARENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

Report by Head of Legal and Governance Services  
(Report No. 19/244)

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report brings confirmation from the Roman Catholic Church of a replacement representative on the Committee following the retirement of Mrs Margaret McFarlane and advises of nominations received to fill vacancies on the Committee for two Parent Council representatives, one to represent primary schools and one to represent secondary schools.

#### 1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 Section 124 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (as amended by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994) requires local authorities, in appointing a Committee whose purposes include advising the authority on any matter relating to the discharge of their functions as education authority, or discharging any of those functions of the authority on their behalf, to appoint one representative of the Church of Scotland, one representative of the Roman Catholic Church, and one representative of other churches and denominational bodies, in the selection of whom, the authority shall have regard to the comparative strength within their area of all the churches and denominational bodies having duly constituted charges or other regularly appointed places of worship.
- 1.2 Following the retirement of the Roman Catholic Church representative, Mrs Margaret McFarlane, the Church has appointed the Very Reverend Doctor Canon Thomas Shields as its replacement on the Committee.
- 1.3 The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (as amended by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994) also enables local authorities to appoint people who are not elected members of the authority to be members of the committee, and it is in exercising this discretion that the Committee has appointed two teacher representatives, two parent representatives and two youth representatives. This is reflected in paragraph 8.1 of the Council's Scheme of Administration.
- 1.4 Nominations were sought from both Primary and Secondary School Parent Councils to fill two vacancies on the Committee; one to represent the primary sector and one to represent the secondary sector.

- 1.5 Initially two nominations were received from the Parent Council of Oakbank Primary School. One nominee subsequently withdrew leaving Mr Martin Gowrie as the sole nominee. No other nominations were received from Primary School Parent Councils.
- 1.6 In light of their being only one nomination from the primary sector it is proposed that the appointment of the nominee from Oakbank Primary School Parent Council be confirmed unopposed.
- 1.7 Nominations were received from the Parent Councils of two secondary schools as follows:
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| The Community School of Auchterarder - | nominee Mr Paul Gebara   |
| Pitlochry High School Parent Council - | nominee Mr Andy Charlton |
- 1.8 Councillor Shiers, Convener of the Lifelong Learning Committee, Councillor Rebbeck, the Opposition Spokesperson and the Democratic Services Manager held individual discussions with the candidates. After deliberation the nominee from Pitlochry High School Parent Council was identified as the preferred candidate.

## **2. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 This report invites members to note that the Roman Catholic Church has appointed a replacement representative on the Committee following the retirement of the current representative, Mrs Margaret McFarlane. The report also seeks approval to appoint one Primary and one Secondary School Parent Council representative to serve on the Committee.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the Lifelong Learning Committee:
- (i) Note the appointment of the Very Reverend Doctor Canon Thomas Shields as the Roman Catholic Church representative on the Lifelong Learning Committee as reflected in paragraph 8.1 of the Council's Scheme of Administration.
  - (ii) There being no other nominations received confirm the appointment of Mr Martin Gowrie as the Primary School Parent Council Representative on the Lifelong Learning Committee, as reflected in paragraph 8.1 of the Council's Scheme of Administration, until the next local government elections in May 2022.
  - (iii) Agree the appointment of Mr Andy Charlton as the Secondary School Parent Council Representative on the Lifelong Learning Committee, as reflected in paragraph 8.1 of the Council's Scheme of Administration, until the next local government elections in May 2022.

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

<b>Strategic Implications</b>	<b>Yes / None</b>
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	<b>Yes</b>
Corporate Plan	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Resource Implications</b>	
Financial	<b>None</b>
Workforce	<b>None</b>
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	<b>None</b>
<b>Assessments</b>	
Equality Impact Assessment	<b>None</b>
Strategic Environmental Assessment	<b>None</b>
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	<b>None</b>
Legal and Governance	<b>None</b>
Risk	<b>None</b>
<b>Consultation</b>	
Internal	<b>YES</b>
External	<b>None</b>
<b>Communication</b>	
Communications Plan	<b>N/A</b>

### 1. Strategic Implications

#### Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 The proposals in this report support delivery of the Council's objectives within the Corporate Plan and the Community Plan.

### 2. Resource Implications

#### Financial

- 2.1 N/A

#### Workforce

- 2.2 N/A

#### Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 N/A

### 3. Assessments

#### Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 N/A

## Strategic Environmental Assessment

3.2 N/A

### Sustainability

3.3 N/A

### Legal and Governance

3.4 N/A

### Risk

3.5 N/A

## **4. Consultation**

### Internal

4.1 The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) has been consulted on the report.

### External

4.2 N/A

## **5. Communication**

5.1 N/A

## **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

## **3. APPENDICES**

N/A