

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET - 3 OCTOBER 2007

NON-ELECTED MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON CABINET - PARENT AND TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES

Joint Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Cabinet of the election of a Parent and Teacher Representative to serve on the Cabinet.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following the Council Elections in May, Council, at its meeting on 7 June 2007 considered a report on non-Elected Member representation on the Cabinet and agreed, among other things, that places be made available on Cabinet for both a Teacher and a Parent Representative and that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Spokespersons for Lifelong Learning, to make the appropriate arrangements to obtain nominations.

2.2 Parent Representative

- 2.2.1 Nomination packs were circulated to all Heads of Establishments and all Chairs of Parent Councils seeking nominations. At the close of nominations on Friday 7 September 2007, one candidate stood validly nominated, namely David Fraser, Greenmill Primary School, and now stands elected as a Member of the Cabinet. A letter was issued to him on 11 September 2007 confirming this position. Mr Fraser has been invited to attend the meeting of Cabinet on 3 October 2007 (subject to there being Education business to transact).

2.3 Teacher Representative

- 2.3.1 Nomination packs were circulated to all Heads of Establishments seeking nominations. At the close of nominations on Friday 7 September 2007, two candidates stood validly nominated, namely Mr Iain Harvey, Loudoun Academy and Neil McIlvanney, Kilmarnock Academy. The election process is currently underway and the opening of ballot papers and the count will take place within Council Headquarters on Monday 1 October 2007 commencing at 0930 hours.

2.3.2 The outcome of the Teacher Representative election will be reported to the Cabinet Meeting on 3 October 2007. Arrangements will be made to invite the successful candidate to the meeting (subject to there being Education business to transact).

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS - NIL.

4. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Ensuring effective community engagement in the planning and development of local services.

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 In terms of Section 124 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended by Section 31 of the Local Government Etc (Scotland) Act 1994, where a Local Authority establishes an Education Committee or equivalent, there is provision for the Education Authority to appoint persons who are not Members of the Authority to be Members of that Education Committee or equivalent.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Cabinet is asked to note this report and the verbal update which will be given on the outcome of the election process for the Teacher and Parent Representatives.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Various Election documents/files.

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