

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 4 FEBRUARY 2004**

#### **NON-ELECTED MEMBER REPRESENTATION - PARENT REPRESENTATIVE ON EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

#### **Joint Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Educational and Social Services**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Education Committee of the results of the election of a Parent Representative to sit as a member of the Education Committee.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Following the Council Elections in May 2003, the Education Committee at its meeting on 25 May 2003, agreed to appointment a Parent Representative to serve on the Education Committee and in this respect authorised the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of Educational and Social Services, in consultation with the Chair of the Education Committee, to make appropriate arrangements to appoint a Parent Representative to serve on the Education Committee.

### **3. ELECTION PROCESS**

- 3.1 Notice of Election for one Parent Representative to serve on the Education Committee was given to all Chairpersons of School Boards and nomination packs were issued.
- 3.2 All members of School Boards within East Ayrshire Council were eligible for nomination and all Parent Members of School Boards were eligible to vote.
- 3.3 At the close of nominations on 28 November 2003, eight candidates stood validly nominated, namely: Raymond Banks (Galston Primary School Board), Brenda Fraser (St Patrick's Primary School Board), Mr Melvyn Gibson (Fenwick Primary School Board), Roger Griffith (Stewarton Academy School Board), Mrs L Hamilton-Pringle (Lainshaw Primary School Board), George Hammersley (Ochiltree School Board), Mrs Elizabeth McGeachie (Park School Board) and Mrs Teri McPherson (Hillside School Board).
- 3.4 Ballot papers and candidates' supporting statements were delivered to every parent member of School Boards and voting took place by post between 3 December 2003 and 12 January 2004.
- 3.5 The opening and counting of votes took place on 15 January 2004 and the result of the election is as undernoted.

#### **4. RESULT OF ELECTION**

<b>4.1</b>	Electorate	-	237
	Total votes cast	-	112
	Percentage poll	-	47%
	Raymond Banks	-	11
	Brenda Fraser	-	5
	Mr Melvyn Gibson	-	14
	Roger Griffith	-	12
	Mrs L Hamilton-Pringle	-	15
	George Hammersley	-	27
	Mrs Elizabeth McGeachie	-	12
	Mrs Teri McPherson	-	15
	Rejected Ballot Paper*	-	1

\*One vote was rejected because it was not submitted on the official stamped ballot paper and as such was rejected under the category "Want of official mark".

**4.2** As a result of the election, George Hammersley was declared elected as Parent Representative to serve on East Ayrshire Council's Education Committee for 2003 to 2007.

**4.3** All candidates have been informed of the result by letter and the successful candidate, George Hammersley, has been invited to attend the meeting of the Committee on 4 February 2004.

#### **5. FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - Nil.**

#### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**6.1** The Committee are asked to note the outcome of the election process and to welcome George Hammersley as a member of the Education Committee.

Fiona Lees  
Depute Chief Executive/  
Director of Corporate Resources

John Mulgrew  
Director of Educational and  
Social Services

15 January 2004

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#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Various election documents/file.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer on 01563 576131. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on 01563 576135.