

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 11 NOVEMBER 2003

NON-ELECTED MEMBER REPRESENTATION - CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

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

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Education Committee of the proposed appointment of a third Church/denominational representative to serve on the Education Committee.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Education Committee held on 27 May 2003, the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources was authorised to make appropriate arrangements to appoint three Church Representatives to serve on the Education Committee.
- 2.2 Members will be aware that appointments have been confirmed for representatives of the Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church, namely, Rev John Taylor and Mr John McHugh respectively.
- 2.3 Following the meeting, an advert was placed in the local papers circulated throughout East Ayrshire Council area, inviting nominations for a third Church Representative from those individuals who have a particular interest in the promotion of religious education. A copy of the advertisement is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.4 In response to the advertisement, one nomination was received on behalf of Dr Ivy Barclay, Winton Place EU Congregational Church. Details of the nomination are contained in Appendix 2 to this report.
- 2.5 When determining this appointment, the Education Committee is required to take account of the comparative strengths in the area of the Churches/denominational bodies having duly a constituted charter or other regularly appointed place of worship.

3. FINANCIAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

4. LEGAL AUTHORITY

- 4.1 Where a Local Authority appoint an Education Committee, there is a statutory requirement to appoint three Church representatives 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.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1** It is recommended that the Education Committee consider the nomination submitted by Dr Ivy Barclay, Winton Place EU Congregational Church, to serve as third Church Representative/denominational representative on the Education Committee.

Fiona Lees
Depute Chief Executive/
Director of Corporate Resources

John Mulgrew
Director of Educational & Social Services

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24 October 2003

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - NIL

Any person wishing further information on the report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on Tel No (01563) 576135.

Implementation Officer: Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer

APPENDIX 2

NOMINATION OF NON-ELECTED MEMBER THIRD CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE

Name of Nominee: Dr Ivy Barclay BSc, Phd, FIFST, Dip, Th., FETQ

Church: Winton Place EU Congregational Church
Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock KA1 1EQ

Approximate Number of People who are members of the Church:

Winton Place EU Congregational Church	135
Cumnock Congregational Church	300
Catrine Congregational Church	20

Each congregation is independent but are affiliated to the Congregational Federation in Scotland.

Information in Support of Nomination

Dr Barclay is a recognised Lay Preacher in the Congregational Federation and presently the Mission Convenor in the Scottish Area. She is also Church Secretary for Winton Place EU Congregational Church, Kilmarnock.

Dr Barclay has recently retired from her post as a lecturer at the Scottish Agricultural College at Auchincruive.

Rev Ford, Minister of Winton Place EU Congregational Church, supports Dr Barclay's nomination. Rev Ford considers that Dr Barclay has the necessary experience that would assist her in what he considers as a very important position.

Rev Ford considers Dr Barclay to be sensitive to the problems that affect people within any situation, discreet with delicate information, and well able to communicate at all levels, and work within a team setting.

Dr Barclay continues to support Winton Place EU Church by her representation on various Committees within the courts of the wider church, bearing in mind that Scotland is now a multi-faith society where beliefs other than Christianity are firmly established. Rev Ford considers that Dr Barclay would never abuse her position to impose her views or to proselytise. Rev Ford has found her to be impartial, accessible and available to all in need.

Education Committee

Church Representative

East Ayrshire Council's Education Committee oversees the delivery of the education service within the Council's area.

The Committee consists of elected members of the Council and other people who have an interest in the Education Service. Three places are allocated to those who have a particular interest in the promotion of religious education. Two of these have already been filled in accordance with the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended by nominations from the Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church.

Under the provisions of Section 124 (4)(C) of the aforementioned legislation, the Council is now seeking a third representative, in the selection of whom the Authority shall have regard to the comparative strength within their area of all churches, and denominational bodies having duly constituted charges or other regularly appointed places of worship there.

Nominations should be submitted to East Ayrshire Council at the undernoted address by **FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 2003**.

Nominations must be in writing and should contain the full name and address of the person nominated. They should also contain a statement by the Church or denominational body indicating why the nominee should be considered for selection.

The nomination should also contain a note of the number of people who are members of the Church or denominational body and can contain any further information which supports your nomination.

Soon after the nominations have been received, arrangements will be made to select this third representative. Everyone who has made a nomination will be informed of the outcome of the selection.

If you would like further information please contact John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services, East Ayrshire Council on (01563) 576017.

Nominations should be forwarded to Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, East Ayrshire Council, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 7BU.



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