

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.05am, Thursday 7 February 2019

Education, Children and Families Committee Appointment of Religious Representative

Item number	7.3
Report number	
Executive/routine	
Wards	None

Executive summary

In terms of Section 124 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (as amended), the Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church may each nominate one representative to any committee whose purposes include advising the authority on any matter relating to the discharge of its functions as education authority and discharging any of those functions of the authority on its behalf.

Following the resignation of Dr Rita Welsh as the Church of Scotland representative on the Education, Children and Families Committee, the Council is required to formally appoint the replacement Church of Scotland representative,

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the resignation of Dr Rita Welsh as the Church of Scotland representative on the Education, Children and Families Committee and to record appreciation for her commitment to the work of the Committee during her tenure.
- 1.2 To note the nomination by the Church of Scotland of Mrs Fiona Beveridge and to formally appoint her to the Education, Children and Families Committee.

2. Main report

- 2.1 In terms of Section 124 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (as amended), the Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church may each nominate one representative to any committee whose purposes include advising the authority on any matter relating to the discharge of its functions as education authority and discharging any of those functions of the authority on its behalf.
- 2.2 Following the resignation of Dr Rita Welsh, the Church of Scotland has advised that with effect from 20 December 2018 the Church of Scotland representative will be Mrs Fiona Beveridge.
- 2.3 Mrs Beveridge's appointment will be subject to her agreement to meet the terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and, in terms of the Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003, to a satisfactory Protected Vulnerable Group disclosure check.

3. Measures of success

- 3.1 The Council's political management arrangements are robust, and encourage effective decision-making.

4. Financial impact

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 5.1 The appointment of a replacement Church of Scotland representative will ensure all statutory appointments to the committee are complete.

6. Equalities impact

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7. Sustainability impact

7.1 Not applicable.

8. Consultation and engagement

8.1 Not applicable.

9. Background reading / external references

9.1 [Minute of Council of 24 August 2017](#)

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