

## Placing in Schools Appeal Committee

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### Consultative Committee with Parents

Tuesday 15 September 2009

#### Purpose of Report


- 1 To ask the Consultative Committee to nominate two people to serve on the Placing in Schools Appeal Committee.

#### Main Report

- 2 The Placing in Schools Appeal Committee is established under Section 28C of the Education (Scotland) Act 1981 to hear appeals from parents against Council decisions to refuse placing requests and exclude pupils.
- 3 The current membership is detailed in the appendix to this report.
- 4 Vacancies on Panel 2 of the Placing in Schools Appeal Committee (Parents of Children of School Age) are nominated to the Council by the Consultative Committee with Parents.
- 5 The appointment is for four years, to September 2013, or until the member's youngest child leaves school, whichever is earlier.
- 6 The Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003 requires that members of certain committees are subject to an enhanced Disclosure check to ensure that they are not disqualified from holding such positions. The persons appointed to the Placing in Schools Appeal Committee will require to agree to this.
- 7 The heaviest workload of the Appeal Committee is in May to June each year to deal with P1, S1 and Special Education School placing requests. Participation by Panel 2 members will be required, on average, once per week during this period . Other appeals are held throughout the year, requiring members to attend for a morning or afternoon every couple of months.
- 8 Training is provided, and appointment is conditional on attendance. The training will be held, at a date to be arranged, in May 2010.

**Recommendation**

- 9 That the Consultative Committee nominate two people to serve on the Placing in Schools Appeal Committee.

  
**Jim Inch**  
Director of Corporate Services  
25/8/00

<b>Appendices</b>	Current Membership of Placing in Schools Appeal Committee
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<b>Wards affected</b>	City-wide
<b>Background Papers</b>	Education (Scotland) Act 1981; Executive 15 August 2000

## APPENDIX

### Current Membership of Placing in Schools Appeal Committee

#### Panel 1

All members of the Council or the Education, Children and Families Committee when dealing with Education Matters

#### Panel 2

Parents of pupils of school age, nominated by the Consultative Committee with Parents –

Patricia Aitchison	Dean Park Primary School
Donna Caldwell	Trinity Academy
Norma Devlin	Tollcross Primary School
Lesley McGoohan	Wester Hailes Education Centre
Charles Meehan	St Cuthbert's RC Primary School
Dr Julie- Ann Sime	
Dr Karen Traill	Liberton Primary School

#### Panel 3

Suitably qualified people with experience in education or acquainted with educational conditions in Edinburgh, nominated by the Director of Children and Families, to act as Chairpersons of the Appeal Committee, currently –

Mrs B Devlin, Mrs M Clason Mrs. C Clyne, Mrs D Dowie, Ms K Jack, Mr I McGillivray and Mr T McMillan

Each Appeal Committee consists of one member from Panel 1, one member from Panel 2 and one member from Panel 3.

The Council Secretary acts as Clerk to the Appeal Committee, with authority to choose Panel Members for each Appeal Committee.