

Placing in Schools Appeal Committee

Consultative Committee with Parents

Tuesday 2 November 2010

Purpose of Report


- 1 To ask the Consultative Committee to nominate six 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, until 17 November 2014 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 and S1 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 2011.

Recommendation

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


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Director of Corporate Services
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Appendices	Current Membership of Placing in Schools Appeal Committee
Contact/tel	Jan Macrae, Committee Officer, Tel 0131 529 4106; e-mail jan.macrae@edinburgh.gov.uk
Wards affected	City-wide
Background Papers	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 (appointment ends 2011)
Donna Caldwell	Trinity Academy
Norma Devlin	Tollcross Primary School
Lesley McGoohan	Wester Hailes Education Centre
Dr Julie- Ann Sime	Tollcross Primary School
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 D Dowie, Mrs Pru Irvine, 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 Head of Legal and Administrative Services acts as Clerk to the Appeal Committee, with authority to choose Panel Members for each Appeal Committee.