

Consultative Committee with Parents

6.30pm, Thursday, 14 May 2015

Appointment of Parent Representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee

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Executive summary

The Consultative Committee with Parents is required to nominate a parent representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee. This report provides details of the nomination received.

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Recommendations

- 1.1 To note that one nomination has been received for Alexander Ramage for the position of parent representative on the Education, Children and Families Committee.
- 1.2 To recommend to the Council the appointment of a parent representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee commencing session 2015-16 (term of office to run from July 2015 to May 2017).
- 1.3 To note that the appointment will be conditional upon confirmation that the appointee will comply with the Councillors' Code of Conduct and membership of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme.

Background

- 2.1 On 24 October 2013, the Council revised the term of office for the parent representative on the Education, Children and Families Committee to two and a half years. The term of office for the current parent representative on the Committee is due to expire at the end of June 2015.
- 2.2 The Consultative Committee with Parents on 26 February 2015 noted details of a timetable for the nomination/election process for the position of parent representative to the Committee commencing session 2015-2016.

Main report

- 3.1 On 18 March 2015, parent members of the Consultative Committee with Parents were invited to nominate for the position of parent representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee. One nomination has been received from Alexander Ramage. A personal statement in support of his nomination is attached as an Appendix to this report.
- 3.2 The regulations for the nomination of the parent representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee state that each nominee must be moved and seconded by members of the Consultative Committee with Parents. If there is more than one candidate, the one with the most votes will be recommended to the Council.

Measures of success

- 4.1 Appointment of the parent representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee strengthens engagement of parents in education and continued participation with key stakeholder representatives.

Financial impact

- 5.1 The Parent Representative will be able to claim travel and subsistence for attendance at meetings.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 Appointment of a parent representative is key in fulfilling committee business and decision making processes for the Education, Children and Families Committee.

Equalities impact

- 7.1 There are no direct equalities impacts as a result of this report.

Sustainability impact

- 8.1 There are no direct sustainability impacts as a result of this report.

Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Parent Neighbourhood Groups supporting the Consultative Committee with Parents were informed of the appointment process and a briefing was provided to the CCWP on 26 February 2015.

Background reading/external references

[Consultative Committee with Parents 26 February 2015 - Appointment of Parent Rep to EC&F Committee - briefing note](#)

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Appendices Appendix – Personal Statement in Support of Nomination.

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

APPOINTMENT OF PARENT REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE
EDUCATION,
CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMITTEE

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES AND/OR
PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please provide a biographical note and/or a personal statement in not more than 250 words. Nominees are responsible for the content of any such statement. Note: this information will be included in a report which will be published on the Council's website. Please indicate your consent to publication.

NAME:- Alexander David Ramage

I CONFIRM THIS STATEMENT CAN BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE (YES/NO) Yes

STATEMENT:-

I am employed as a civil servant (on the ICT side), living in Edinburgh since 1985 and have been involved in Education since my children went to school. I sit on a number of committees both here in the UK as well as in Europe representing both my employer and the UK Government.

My children are currently of an age where one is at Primary School and the other is at Secondary School giving me a detailed understanding of the education issues that are arising in Edinburgh. I also have an understanding of the needs of children with additional support needs.

I have been an active member of the CCwP for the last 4 years and a member of the South Neighbourhood group (representing the Primary Schools) from its inception. I am currently a member of the Agenda Setting Committee for CCwP and I have been available to deputise for the incumbent Parental Representative to the Council Committee.

In previous meetings of the CCwP, I have held both the management group (officials) and the politicians to account.

Should I become the Parental Representative to the Education and Families committee, I will listen and act on the feedback given to me by the parental members of the CCwP and others to ensure that the schooling provided to children in Edinburgh is as good as the council and Parents co-operating together can make it.