

City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday, 17 September 2020

Education, Children and Families Committee Appointment of Religious Representative

Executive/routine
Wards
Council Commitments

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the resignation of Monsignor Anthony Duffy as the Roman Catholic Church representative on the Education, Children and Families Committee and to record appreciation for his commitment to the work of the Committee during his tenure.
- 1.2 To note the nomination by the Roman Catholic Church of Ms Margaret Therese Laing and to formally appoint her to the Education, Children and Families Committee with immediate effect.

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2. Executive Summary

- 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 Monsignor Anthony Duffy as the Roman Catholic Church representative on the Education, Children and Families Committee, the Council is required to formally appoint the replacement Roman Catholic Church representative.

3. Background

- 3.1 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.

4. Main report

- 4.1 Following the resignation of Monsignor Anthony Duffy, the Roman Catholic Church has advised that with effect from 23 July 2020, their representative will be Ms Margaret Therese Laing.
- 4.2 Ms Laing'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.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 There remains an outstanding remit to report back to Council on the membership of the Education, Children and Families Committee. Work on this was delayed due to Covid-19 but work has begun on the Integrated Impact Assessment. Once this is completed a report will be able to be submitted to Council.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 The Council's political management arrangements are robust and encourage effective decision-making.
- 7.2 The appointment of a replacement Roman Catholic Church representative will ensure all statutory appointments to the committee are complete.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 Minute of Council of 24 August 2017

9. Appendices

None.