

# Minutes

## Education, Children and Families Committee

10am, Tuesday 2 August 2022

**Present:**

Councillors Griffiths (Convener), Cowdy, Davidson, Jones, Key, Kumar, O'Neill, Osler (substituting for Councillor Young) and Walker.

### 1. Appointments to the Consultative Committee with Parents 2022-2023

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**(a) Deputation – Parents and Carers in Edinburgh**

The deputation wished to ensure that the Consultative Committee with Parents (CCWP) reflected the changes which had taken place during the previous Council administration. The appendix in the paper didn't address a number of areas which had been added. The deputation asked the Committee to consider making the following changes:

- The title of "parent representative" was confusing as it was not clear if it meant parent representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee or to the CCWP. The deputation asked members to clarify this by changing the title to "parent representative to the Education, Children & Families Committee".
- The second area to be addressed in the membership was representation from parents/carers of children and young people with additional support needs in mainstream schools and the deputation recommended that two representatives be added in to the CCWP membership.

**(b) Report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services**

The Committee were asked to appoint the membership of its Consultative Committee with Parents for 2022-2023.

**Decision**

- 1) To agree the remit and adjusted membership of the Consultative Committee with Parents as set out in the Appendix to this minute.

- 2) To appoint members to the Consultative Committee with Parents for 2022-2023 as follows:
  - Councillor Burgess
  - Councillor Davidson
  - Councillor Griffiths
  - Councillor Jones
  - Councillor Key
  - Councillor Kumar
  - Councillor Walker
- 3) To appoint Councillor Griffiths as the Convener of the Consultative Committee with Parents for 2022-2023.
- 4) To review the wider engagement strategy to examine ways of improving communication and the sharing of information with all parents and carers.

### **Consultative Committee with Parents**

#### **Membership - 7 members and Parent/Carer Representative of the Education, Children and Families Committee**

(Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee and 2 SNP members, 1 Labour member, 1 SLD member, 1 Green member, 1 Conservative member)

Councillor Griffiths (Convener)	Councillor Key
Councillor Burgess	Councillor Kumar
Councillor Davidson	Councillor Walker
Councillor Jones	

#### **Parent/Carer Representative**

To be confirmed following first meeting of CCWP in August 2022.

#### **Other Members**

Three parent/carer representatives from each of the four Locality Groups  
Two parent/carer representatives from the citywide Special Schools Group  
Two parent/carer representatives from the group of parents of children and young people with Additional Support Needs in mainstream schools  
One head teacher from each sector on a rota basis  
One representative from the National Parent Forum  
One representative from Connect

#### **Remit**

The Consultative Committee with Parents is a forum which:

- provides a collaborative, solution-oriented discussion and consultation space with parents and carers on local and national issues
- provides a parent/carer perspective to inform local and national level
- makes a recommendation to the Council on the appointment of a parent representative (non-voting) to the Education Children and Families Committee
- ensures parent groups ie National Parent Forum and Connect are represented
- communicates with locality groups and the wider Parent Councils.