

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 24 November 2022

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

Item number	
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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To recommend that the Council confirms the appointment of Alexander Ramage as the parent representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee, term of office to run from 24 November 2022 for a period of 18 months to 24 May 2024.
- 1.2 To note that the appointment is conditional upon confirmation that the appointee will comply with the Councillors' Code of Conduct and membership of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme.
- 1.3 To note the term of office for the parent representative would be 18 months and a nomination process would be undertaken towards the end of that term to ensure continuity of representation on the Committee to the end of the current political administration term.
- 1.4 To note the recommendation from the Consultative Committee with Parents that an additional parent representative position should be created on the Education, Children and Families Committee and to request the Council to consider this proposal as part of its consideration of its political management arrangements report scheduled to be submitted in December 2022.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Council, on 22 June 2017, agreed changes to the membership of the Education, Children and Families Committee. It was agreed to retain the parent representative position on the Committee but in a non-voting capacity, while noting the need to significantly strengthen engagement with teachers, pupils and parents through the decision-making process.
- 2.2 Only members of the Consultative Committee with Parents (CCWP), duly appointed from schools and parent councils, are eligible to be nominated as the parent representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The Council, on 25 August 2022, requested an update in the Business Bulletin of the next Education, Children and Families Committee on appointment of a second parent member to the Committee to facilitate representation from both primary and secondary school parents and carers.
- 3.2 At a meeting of the CCWP on 8 November 2022, members noted that the issue of an additional parent representative had been discussed by parent council representatives at their respective school locality group meetings. The outcome of these discussions indicated there was support for an additional parent representative position to be created on the Education, Children and Families Committee.
- 3.3 Nominations were sought for the position of the parent representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee. The term of office would be 18 months and a nomination process would be undertaken towards the end of that term to ensure continuity of representation to the end of the current political administration term.
- 3.4 The CCWP recommended that Alexander Ramage be appointed as the parent representative to the Committee for the period to 30 June 2025. Alexander Ramage was the parent representative on the Committee in the previous Administration and has significant experience in the role.

- 3.5 The CCWP also recommended that the Council consider creating an additional parent representative position on the Education, Children and Families Committee as part of its consideration of its political management arrangements report in December 2022.

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 To make the necessary arrangements to allow the parent representative to undertake the role.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 The parent representative is entitled to claim travel and subsistence for attendance at meetings.

6. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 6.1 Consultation and engagement took place with parent council representatives within each locality.

7. Background reading/external references

- 7.1 [Minute of Council 22 June 2017 – Political Management Arrangements](#)
7.2 [Minute of Council 25 August 2022](#)
7.3 [Webcast of the Consultative Committee with Parents 8 November 2022](#)

8. Appendices

- 8.1 None.