Agenda Item 5 Education, Children and Young People Executive Membership

Falkirk Council

Title: Education, Children and Young People Executive Membership

Meeting: Education, Children and Young People Executive

Date: 21 June 2022

Submitted By: Director of Transformation, Communities & Corporate Services

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise of the current membership of the Education, Children & Young People Executive.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Education, Children and Young People Executive is asked to agree:-
 - (1) to appoint Reverend Michael Rollo as a voting member for the remainder of the council term;
 - (2) to appoint Isa Santos as the Care Experienced Young Person for the remainder of the council term; and
 - (3) to continue the appointment of the current parent representatives, Karen Procek and Merle Stevenson and the current staff representatives, John Chalmers and Fiona Craig, until arrangements are made for appointments to those positions for the new Council term.

3. Climate Change Impacts

3.1 There are no positive or negative impacts on climate change arising from the decisions sought in this report.

4. Membership

4.1 The Education, Children & Young People Executive comprises of multiple categories of member: Councillors and Religious Representatives who have voting rights; and Care Experienced Young Person Representative, Parent Representatives, Pupil Representatives and Teacher Representatives who are non-voting members.

4.2 At its meeting of 25 May 2022 Council agreed that the number of Councillor members on the E,C&YP Executive would be 12. The Convener is the Leader of the Council, Councillor Meiklejohn, and the Councillor membership is:-

Gary Bouse James Bundy Fiona Collie Paul Garner Anne Hannah James Kerr Laura Murtagh Cecil Meiklejohn Alan Nimmo

Siobhan Paterson Euan Stainbank 1 Independent member tbc

- 4.3 There are three religious representative positions on the Education, Children and Young People Executive as required by statute. Two places are reserved for a representative of the Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church. The Church of Scotland representative is Agnes Mullen. The representative of the Roman Catholic Church is Maureen Harkins. There is a third place for a person selected by the authority having regard to the comparative strength of the churches and denominational bodies in the area. The currently appointed representative in this category Reverend Michael Rollo represents the evangelical group of churches. The E,C&YP Executive is asked to appoint Reverend Michael Rollo for the period to the next local government elections. The results of the 2022 census will become available during the life of the current council. This will allow the comparative position of the churches and denomination bodies to be further assessed.
- 4.4 The Care Experienced Young Person currently appointed to the E,C&YP Executive is Isa Santos. Members in this category are nominated by the Champions Board. The E,C&YP Executive is asked to appoint Isa Santos for the period to the next local government elections.
- 4.5 There are places for two Parent Representatives on the E,C&YP Executive who are nominated by the Falkirk Area Parent Forum (FAPF). The current parent representatives as nominated by the FAPF are Karen Procek and Merle Stevenson.
- 4.6 There are places for two Pupil Representatives on the E,C&YP Executive who are appointed by a high school in the Council area each year on a rotational basis. The pupil representatives currently appointed to the E,C&YP Executive are Cameron Simmons and Charlotte Clem.
- 4.7 The final category of membership is that of Teacher Representative. There are two places for teacher representatives on the E,C&YP Executive. The representatives are appointed following a competitive process across all Falkirk Primary and High Schools respectively. The current members in this category are John Chalmers and Fiona Craig.

5 Consultation

5.1 No consultation was required.

6 Implications

Financial

6.1 There are no financial implications.

Resources

6.2 There are no resource implications.

Legal

6.3 The appointment of the religious representatives fulfils the requirements of the provisions contained within section 124 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Risk

6.4 None.

Equalities

6.5 An equality and poverty impact assessment was not required for this report.

Sustainability/Environmental Impact

6.6 It was not necessary to complete a sustainability assessment prior to compiling this report.

7 Conclusions

7.1 The E,C&YP Executive is asked to make the appointments as recommended in this report.

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Appendices

None.

List of Background Papers:

No background papers were relied upon in the preparation of this report.