

Falkirk Council

Title: Education Executive Membership

Meeting: Education Executive

Date: 29 May 2018

Submitted By: Director of Corporate and Housing Services

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise that a nomination has been received for the vacancy for the Roman Catholic Church representative on the Education Executive.

2. Recommendation

2.1 To note the appointment of Maureen Harkins as the representative of the Roman Catholic Church on the Education Executive, with effect from 18 April 2018.

3. Background

- 3.1 There are three religious representative positions on the Education Executive as required by statute. The Roman Catholic Church representative is appointed by the Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh.
- 3.2 This appointment will be effective until the next local government elections in 2022.

4. Considerations

- 4.1 Notification was received on 31 October 2017 that Dr Brendan McGuckin had resigned from the post of Roman Catholic Church representative and that a nominee would be confirmed in due course.
- 4.2 Religious representatives are entitled to vote on a committee established by the Council to discharge or advise on its education functions. At its meeting on 12 May, the Council decided to extend the remit of this committee to include all the non education functions of Director of Children's Services, principally, children and families and criminal justice social work services. The Council also decided that it did not wish to extend the voting rights of the religious representatives to non education matters.
- 4.3 To give effect to these decisions, the agenda will identify where the business consists of the discharge of education functions and, accordingly, where the religious representatives have voting rights. It is likely that this will continue to be most of the business of the committee.

5. Consultation

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 requirements to comply with 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 It is a requirement that three religious representatives are appointed to the Education Executive, in accordance with s.124 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. The appointment of Maureen Harkins fulfils this requirement.

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Date: 18 April 2018

APPENDICES

None.

List of Background Papers:

Letter dated 17 April 2018 from the Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh.