

Placing in Schools Appeal Committee – Re-appointment

The City of Edinburgh Council

11 March 2010

Purpose of Report

- 1 To ask the Council to approve a re-appointment to the Placing in Schools Appeal Committee.

Main Report

- 2 The Placing in Schools Appeal Committee is established under Section 28C of the Education (Scotland) Act 1981 to hear appeals from parents against Council decisions to refuse placing requests and exclude pupils.
- 3 The Appeal Committee is made up from three Panels. Panel 1 comprises all members of the Council or the Education, Children and Families Committee when dealing with education matters who have undertaken the training provided. Panel 2 comprises eight parents of school age children, nominated by the Consultative Committee with Parents. Panel 3 comprises suitably qualified people with experience in education or acquainted with educational conditions in Edinburgh, nominated by the Director of Children and Families.
- 4 The term of appointment of a member of Panel 2 ends in May 2010. The retiring member Charles Meehan has indicated his willingness to continue to serve on the Appeal Committee.
- 5 This appointment is for four years to 11 March 2014 or until the Panel member's youngest child leaves school, whichever is sooner.
- 6 If this re-appointment is approved, the membership of the Placing in Schools Appeal Committee will be as detailed in the appendix to this report.

Recommendation

- 7 That Charles Meehan be re-appointed to Panel 2 of the Placing in Schools Appeal Committee.


Jim Inch
Director of Corporate Services

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Appendices	Membership of Placing in Schools Appeal Committee
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Wards affected	City-wide
Background Papers	Education (Scotland) Act 1981; Executive 15 August 2000

APPENDIX

Current Membership of Placing in Schools Appeal Committee

Panel 1

All members of the Council or the Education, Children and Families Committee when dealing with Education Matters

Panel 2

Parents of pupils of school age, nominated by the Consultative Committee with Parents –

Patricia Aitchison	Balerno High School
Donna Caldwell	Trinity High School
Norma Devlin	Tollcross Primary School
Lesley McGoohan	Wester Hailes Education Centre
Charles Meehan	St Cuthbert's RC Primary School
Dr Julie-Ann Sime	Tollcross Primary School
Karen Traill	Liberton Primary School
Tina Woolnough	The Royal High School and Blackhall Primary School

Panel 3

Suitably qualified people with experience in education or acquainted with educational conditions in Edinburgh, nominated by the Director of Children and Families, to act as Chairpersons of the Appeal Committee, currently –

Mary Clason, Brenda Devlin, Dorothy Dowie, Pru Irvine, Kirsty Jack, Iain McGillivray and Tom McMillan

Each Appeal Committee consists of one member from Panel 1, one member from Panel 2 and one member from Panel 3.

The Head of Legal and Administrative Services is Clerk to the Appeal Committee, with authority to choose Panel Members for each Appeal Committee.