

## Placing in Schools Appeal Committee – Appointments

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### The City of Edinburgh Council

1 February 2007

#### Purpose of Report

- 1 To ask the Council to approve new appointments 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 Executive when dealing with Education Items. Panel 2 at present comprises nine 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 Two members of Panel 2 have resigned.
- 5 On 16 January 2007, the Consultative Committee with Parents agreed to nominate Mrs Pru Irvine, Mrs Patricia Aitchison and Mrs Norma Devlin for the vacancies. The appointments are for four years to 17 October 2011 or until the Panel members' youngest child leaves school, whichever is sooner.
- 6 If these nominations are approved, the membership of the Placing in Schools Appeal Committee will be as detailed in the appendix to this report.
- 7 Training is being held for all new and existing members on 18 May 2007.

## Recommendation

- 8 That Mrs Pru Irvine, Mrs Patricia Aitchison and Mrs Norma Devlin be appointed to Panel 2 of the Placing in Schools Appeal Committee increasing the number of parent representatives from nine to ten.

  
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Director of Corporate Services

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<b>Appendices</b>	Membership of Placing in Schools Appeal Committee
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<b>Wards affected</b>	City-wide
<b>Background Papers</b>	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 Executive when dealing with Education Matters

#### **Panel 2**

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

Patricia Aitchison	Dean Park Primary School
Adrian Croll	Tynecastle High School
Donna Caldwell	Trinity High School
Kevin Davidson	Davidson's Mains Primary School
Norma Devlin	Tollcross Primary School
Pru Irvine	Kingsinch School
Charles Meehan	St Cuthbert's RC Primary School
Graham Newton	Gylemuir Primary School
Carol Telfer	Kaimes School
Karen Traill	Liberton 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 –

Mrs B Devlin, Mrs D Dowie, S Harland, K Jack, Mr I McGillivray  
Mrs A McLeish, Mr T McMillan, Mr E Melvin and Mrs M Price

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

The Council Secretary acts as Clerk to the Appeal Committee, with authority to choose Panel Members for each Appeal Committee.