

## Executive and Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel - Appointment of Religious and Teacher Representatives

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### City of Edinburgh Council

17 May 2007

#### Purpose of report

- 1 To appoint the religious and teacher representatives to the Executive and, if required, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel when these Committees meet to consider education functions

#### Background

- 2 The Council is required by law to appoint 3 representatives of religious interests to any Committee whose purposes include (a) advising the authority on any matter relating to the discharge of its functions as education authority; or (b) discharging any of those functions of the authority on its behalf. The Council has also agreed to continue to appoint teacher representatives to the Executive when it meets to consider education functions although there is no longer a statutory requirement to do so.
- 3 The Council has previously appointed religious and teacher representatives to the Executive and religious representatives to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel when these Committees meet to consider education functions. At its meeting on 21 September 2006 the Council approved arrangements for the appointment of religious and teacher representatives.
- 4 Standing Orders do not require the Council to make appointments to Scrutiny Panels at this meeting and it is recognised that the incoming administration may wish to review the political management arrangements in their entirety. Meanwhile, however, it would be convenient to deal with the appointment of all the religious representatives together.

#### Appointment of Religious Representatives

- 5 **Church of Scotland and Roman Catholic Church** -The legislation stipulates that the Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church shall each nominate one representative. Both bodies were asked for two nominees, one each for the Executive and for the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel. The following nominations were received.

<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Executive (Education)</b>	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel</b>
Church of Scotland	A Craig Duncan	Dr J Mitchell Manson
Roman Catholic Church	Cathy Clark	Mary Rose Caden

**6 Third Religious Representative** – As instructed by Council on 21 September 2006, nominations were sought by public notice for the third religious representative. The following nominations were received:

<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Executive (Education)</b>	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel</b>
(1) Scottish Episcopal Church (Diocese of Edinburgh)	The Reverend Dr Bob Gould (see note below)	The Reverend Dr Bob Gould (see note below)
(2) Religious Society of Friends, Quakers	Anne Davies	
(3) The Wester Hailes Baptist Church		Alan Alexander Wood

(Note: The Reverend Dr Bob Gould has been nominated for either the Executive or the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel but has expressed a preference for the Scrutiny Panel)

Details of each applicant are attached as Appendices 1-3 to this report. In selecting the third religious representative, the legislation stipulates that the Council “shall have regard ... to the comparative strength within their area of all the churches and denominational bodies having duly constituted charges or other regularly appointed places of worship there”. The Council may wish to take into consideration the result of the Census question on religious beliefs, as follows:

Church of Scotland	35.29
Roman Catholic	10.86
Other Christian	8.66
Buddhist	0.27
Hindu	0.27
Jewish	0.17
Muslim	1.51
Sikh	0.18
Another religion	1.27
None	36.54
Not answered	4.99
<b>Total no of people in City of Edinburgh Council area</b>	<b>448,624</b>

- 7 The Census provides no further detail in the “Other Christian” category. The most recent information on the number of churches with two or more constituted charges within the City is as follows:

Scottish Episcopal Churches	31
Edinburgh and Lothians Baptist Association	11
Congregational Union of Scotland	7
United Free Church of Scotland	6
Methodist Church Edinburgh and Forth Circuit	5
Salvation Army	5
Edinburgh City Mission	3
Church of Christ of Latter-Day Saints	3
Edinburgh Elim Churches	3
Free Church of Scotland	3
Spiritualists’ National Union	3
Church of the Nazarene	2
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	2

Others have only one.

### **Appointment of Teacher Members**

- 8 As instructed by Council on 21 September 2006, nominations were invited from teachers employed by the Council. The following two candidates were nominated and are recommended for appointment to the Executive:

Margaret Bryce Stafford  
Raymond George Simpson

### **Code of Conduct**

- 9 The Councillors Code of Conduct applies only to elected Councillors. However, guidance issued by the Standards Commission states that co-opted members are expected to apply the same high standards of conduct as elected Councillors. Local authorities should, therefore, expect co-opted members to comply with the Code and this should be a condition of appointment. In cases where the authority has no discretion over the appointment (such as the Church of Scotland and Roman Catholic Church representatives on education committees) the authority should seek confirmation from the appointing authorities that they will require their appointees to comply with the Code. The Council Secretary has written to the Churches and their responses are awaited.

### **Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003**

- 10 The Act prohibits an individual who is disqualified from working with children from working in a “childcare position”. Schedule 2 to the Act gives a list of childcare positions to which the Act applies. The list includes “a member of a committee, including a joint committee, of a local authority (or any sub-committee thereof) which is concerned with the provision of education, accommodation, social services or health care services to children.” It is an offence for the Council to offer a position on a relevant committee to any disqualified individual. The Council therefore now conducts an enhanced disclosure check on elected members and other persons to be appointed to relevant committees.

## Recommendations

- 11 To confirm the appointment of the following persons to the Executive when it meets to discharge education functions:
- Mr A Craig Duncan (Church of Scotland)  
Cathy Clark (Roman Catholic Church)  
Margaret Bryce Stafford (Teacher representative)  
Raymond George Simpson (Teacher representative)
- 12 To confirm the appointment of the following persons to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel when it meets to discharge education functions:
- Dr J Mitchell Manson (Church of Scotland)  
Miss Mary Rose Caden (Roman Catholic Church)
- 13 To appoint a third religious representative to the Executive and to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel taking into account the information detailed in paras 6 and 7 above.
- 14 That the appointment of the religious and teacher representatives is conditional upon:
- (a) their or their appointing authorities' confirmation that they will comply with the Councillors' Code of Conduct;
  - (b) a satisfactory enhanced disclosure check.



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**Jim Inch**

Director of Corporate Services

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<b>Appendices</b>	Appendices 1-3	Details of nominations for the third religious representative
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<b>Wards affected</b>	All	
<b>Background Papers</b>	Report no CEC/122/02-03/CS by the Director of Corporate Services	

Nomination Form for "Third" Religious Representative to serve on

The Executive of the Council  
The Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel

May 2007 – April 2011

Please ensure that the Nominating Body and Candidate have read the notes overleaf; submission of the nomination confirms compliance with them.

Full Name and Address of Nominee

The Revd Dr Bob Gould  
33 Charterhall Road  
EDINBURGH  
EH9 3HS

Position for which Nominated  
(Executive or Scrutiny Panel)

either Executive or Scrutiny Panel,  
but preference for Scrutiny Panel.

Name and Address of Church/  
Denominational Body

Diocese of Edinburgh  
Scottish Episcopal Church  
21A Grosvenor Crescent  
Edinburgh, EH12 5EL

Supporting Statement by church/ Denominational Body (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

The Revd Dr Bob Gould holds a Commission in the Diocese of Edinburgh. He is a team priest at St Columba's by the Cattle in Edinburgh and is an active member of the Diocesan Youth Committee. From 2000-2004 he was honorary Anglican chaplain at the University of Edinburgh. Bob frequently looks after charges where there is a vacancy as interim rector, the most recent being Rosslyn Chapel. He would undoubtedly be able to make a valuable contribution to either the Executive of the Council or The Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel. In his response where he indicated his willingness to be nominated Bob stated 'should I be chosen, I would be happy to regard myself as a sort of "interfaith" person'.

Notes – see overleaf.

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Full Name and Address of Nominee

Anne M. Davies  
35 Lockhart Avenue  
Edinburgh  
EH 14 1BB

Position for which Nominated  
(Executive or Scrutiny Panel)

Executive

Name and Address of Church/  
Denominational Body

The Religious Society of Friends  
Quaker Meeting House  
7 Victoria Terrace  
Edinburgh  
EH 1 2JL

Supporting Statement by church/ Denominational Body (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

We support Anne Davies' nomination on behalf of the Religious Society of Friends, but hope that in its post-electoral review, the Council will give consideration to including non-Christian religions on its committees dealing with education matters and the scrutiny panel.

Notes – see overleaf.

Maigrie Farquharson  
Clerk, South East Scotland  
Monthly Meeting

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Full Name and Address of Nominee

ALAN ALEXANDER WOOD  
111 FORTHVIEW CRESCENT,  
CURRIE,  
EH14 5QP

Position for which Nominated  
(Executive or Scrutiny Panel)

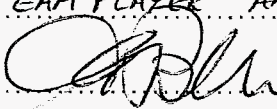
SCRUTINY PANEL

Name and Address of Church/  
Denominational Body

WESTER HAILES BAPTIST  
CHURCH,  
CLOVENSTONE PARK,  
EDINBURGH EH14 3BG

Supporting Statement by church/ Denominational Body (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

WE FEEL THAT ALAN'S EXPERIENCE IN JOURNALISM,  
RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WILL ENABLE HIM TO  
BECOME A VALUED MEMBER OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL.  
HE IS AN EXCELLENT 'TEAM PLAYER' AND CAN ALSO WORK WELL  
ON HIS OWN.

 (CHURCH LEADER)  
G.W. CUNNINGHAM  
42, TADGAIL VILLAGE WEST,  
EDINBURGH EH12 7AL

Notes – see overleaf.