

Placing in Schools Appeal Committee – Appointments

The City of Edinburgh Council

16 October 2008

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 Education, Children and Families Committee when dealing with Education Items. Panel 2 at present comprises seven parents who have a child currently attending a local authority school in Edinburgh, 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 Director of Children and Families has nominated Mary Clason, former Head Teacher, as an additional member of Panel 3
- 5 One member of Panel 2 has resigned and another member is no longer eligible to hear appeals. On 23 September 2008, the Consultative Committee with Parents agreed to nominate Lesley McGoohan and Dr Julie-Ann Sime for the vacancies. The appointments are for four years to 16 October 2012 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.

Recommendations

7 To appoint to the Placing in Schools Appeal Committee:

- a) Mary Clason to Panel 3; and
- b) Lesley McGoohan and Dr Julie-Ann Sime to Panel 2.


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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 items.

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
Pru Irvine	Kingsinch School
Lesley McGoohan	Wester Hailes Education Centre
Charles Meehan	St Cuthbert's RC Primary School
Dr Julie-Ann Sime	Tollcross 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 M Clason, Mrs K Clyne, Mrs B Devlin, Mrs D Dowie, Mrs K Jack, Mr I McGillivray, Mr T McMillan and Mr E Melvin

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.