

## Placing in Schools Appeal Committee – Appointments

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### The City of Edinburgh Council

18 August 2005

#### 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, exclude pupils and record children with special educational needs.
- 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 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 Janet Perry and Catherine MacKenzie have resigned their positions of Chair of the Placing in Schools Appeal Committee.
- 5 The Director of Children and Families has nominated Dorothy Dowie, retired Head Teacher of Preston Street Primary School and Brenda Devlin, former parent representative on the committee for the vacant posts in Panel 3.
- 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 will be held for all new and existing members in May 2006.

## Recommendation

- 8 That Dorothy Dowie and Brenda Devlin be appointed to Panel 3 of the Placing in Schools Appeal Committee.



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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 –

Adrian Croll	Tynecastle High School
Donna Caldwell	Abbeyhill Primary School
Kevin Davidson	Davidson Main PS
Iain McGillivray	Comiston PS
Charles Meehan	St Cuthbert's
Wendy Simpson	Queensferry Community High School
Carol Telfer	Kaimes School
Karen Traill	Liberton PS

#### **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 D Briggs, Mr J Dames, Mrs M Price, Mrs A McRostie, Mr T McMillan and Kathryn Blaikie.

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.