ASSEMBLY

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Title: Appointment of Parent Governor (Primary) and Church Representative (Church of England) Co-optees to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Report of the Chief Executive

Open Report	For Decision
Wards Affected: None	Key Decision: No
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Summary

The Parent Governor (Primary) and Church Representative (Church of England) co-optee positions on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are currently vacant.

As stated in Part 2, Chapter 8 of the Council's Constitution and in accordance with the Education Act 1996 and the Local Government Act 2000, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee should include the above listed co-optees, to scrutinise education matters, appointed by the Assembly. Statutory co-optees have voting rights in respect of education matters only.

Nominations to fill the vacancies were sought by Governance Services, which resulted in:

- One application for the Parent Governor (Primary) position; and
- One application for the Church Representative (Church of England) position.

As both positions resulted in one application, election processes were not necessary. The applicant for the Parent Governor (Primary) position is Mr Sajjad Ali, who is currently a Parent Governor at Northbury Primary School. The applicant for the Church Representative (Church of England) position is Mr Richard Hopkins, who is currently the Schools Adviser at the Diocese of Chelmsford.

Recommendation(s)

The Assembly is recommended to agree the appointment of the following nominees to their respective co-optee positions on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, for a term of four years:

- Sajjad Ali: Parent Governor (Primary)
- Richard Hopkins: Church Representative (Church of England)

Reason(s)

To ensure that the Council's Scrutiny function is in accordance with the Council's Constitution and legislation.

1. Financial Implications

Implications completed by: Sandra Pillinger, Group Accountant

1.1 This report concerns the appointment of two nominees to co-optee positions on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. There are no financial implications.

2. Legal Implications

Implications completed by: Dr Paul Feild, Senior Governance & Standards Lawyer

2.1 The appointment of Co-opted Members to Committees of the Council is an Assembly function as set out in the Council's Constitution at part 2 chapter 4 paragraph 2.1 (viii) which provides the Assembly with the power to agree and/or amend the overall political structure of meetings, the terms of reference of Committees, their composition and to make appointments to them.

Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report: None

List of appendices: None