

STATUTORY CO-OPTED MEMBERS

2013/2014

Education co-opted members

Education co-opted members have a statutory right to be involved in the Council's decision making processes. However, under the legislation this only applies to an Overview and Scrutiny committee where their functions relate wholly or partly to educational matters which are the responsibility of the Authority's Cabinet.

The Regulations state that a Local Education Authority shall appoint at least two but not more than five Parent Governor representatives to Overview and Scrutiny and, on the assumption that the Council still maintains Roman Catholic schools, the total number of Church representatives to be appointed shall be one Church of England and one Roman Catholic.

Reverend R Gayler, the Church of England Representative, has resigned with effect from 11 April 2013. A replacement is currently being sought and will be reported to Assembly for ratification in due course.

Both Parent Governor and Church representatives have the right to vote on education matters and the right to Call-In Cabinet decisions as any other non-Cabinet Member.

The current Church representatives are:-

Church of England	Vacancy
Roman Catholic Church	Mrs G Spencer

The Parent Governor representatives are elected for a four year period - one representing primary schools, the other representing secondary schools. The current holders of these positions are:-

Primary Schools	Mrs Ghadeer Al-salem Youssef (from 15/9/2010)
Secondary Schools	Mr Ishmael Ncube (from 8/12/2010)

Standards Committee Independent Persons

Section 28 (7) of the Localism Act 2011 requires local authorities to appoint at least one Independent Person, who will have an advisory role in the determination of allegations that a Member has not complied with the Members' Code of Conduct.

Mr Michael Carpenter and Mr Brian Little were appointed by Assembly as Independent Persons in accordance with Section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011 from 10 October 2012 until the Assembly meeting following the next municipal elections in 2014.