

## ASSEMBLY

26 January 2022

<b>Title:</b> Appointment of Church Representative (Roman Catholic) and Parent Governor (Secondary) Representative to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
<b>Report of the Strategic Director, Law and Governance</b>	
<b>Open Report</b>	<b>For Decision</b>
<b>Wards Affected:</b> None	<b>Key Decision:</b> No
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<b>Summary</b> <p>The Parent Governor (Secondary) representative position on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is currently vacant. As a result of the expiry of the term of office of the previous Roman Catholic Church representative (Glenda Spencer) in September 2021, this position is now also vacant.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nominations to fill the vacancies were sought by Governance Services in September 2021 which resulted in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One application for the Church Representative (Roman Catholic) position; and</li><li>• Two applications for the Parent Governor (Secondary) position.</li></ul> <p>The Roman Catholic Church re-nominated Glenda Spencer to fill its position, which has been held by the nominee in various forms since 2005. Following an election for the Parent Governor (Secondary) position, Sarfraz Akram was nominated on behalf of parent governors.</p>	
<b>Recommendation(s)</b> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Glenda Spencer: Church Representative (Roman Catholic)</li><li>• Sarfraz Akram: Parent Governor (Secondary)</li></ul>	

**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 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and has no financial implications.

**2. Legal Implications**

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

- 2.1 The appointment of Co-optee Members to Committees of the Council is an Assembly function as set out in the Council's Constitution at part 2 chapter 4 paragraph (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