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PARENT GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVES – APPOINTMENT TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Summary

This report recommends that the Council agree to the appointment of two parent governors from local authority maintained schools to the Council's Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

1.   Budget and Policy Framework

1.1   The appointment of parent governor representatives to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee is a matter for Full Council.

2.   Background:

2.1   In respect of Overview and Scrutiny Committees which deal with education functions there is a legal requirement to appoint between two and five voting parent governor representatives elected by the parent governors of maintained schools. These voting co-optees are entitled to vote on any question relating to education functions which are the responsibility of Medway Council's Cabinet and which fall to be decided by the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2.2   On 24 October 2001 Medway Council agreed that two parent governor representatives should sit on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee. These two places for parent governor representatives are vacant and have been vacant since 26 June 2013 and 10 December 2013 respectively.

2.3   Where a vacancy remains unfilled because no, or not enough, candidates seek election as a parent governor representative, the local education authority is required to repeat the election process at six monthly intervals.

**3.	Advice and Analysis**

3.1	The process for the election of two parent governors from local authority maintained schools to the Council's Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee was notified to eligible parent governors on 15 November 2017. The closing date for nominations was 1 December 2017, at which point two nominations had been received.

3.2	The nominations for parent governor representative were:

i.	Mr Akinola Eden of English Martyrs Roman Catholic Primary School;
ii.	Mr David William Lane of the Abbey Court School.

3.3	As the number of vacancies to be filled equals the number of candidates for election a ballot was not required.

3.4	At its meeting on 11 January 2018 the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to recommend to Full Council the appointment of Mr Akinola Edun and Mr David William Lane as Parent Governor Representatives on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee for a four year term.

**4.	Financial, legal and risk management implications**

4.1	There is a legal requirement under Section 8 of Schedule A1 to the Local Government Act 2000 (and associated regulations - the Parent Governor Representatives (England) Regulations 2001) to appoint between two and five voting parent governor representatives elected by the parent governors of maintained schools.

4.2	The Parent Governor (England) Regulations 2001 provide for the arrangements relating to the election of voting parent governor representatives to education Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

4.3	Under regulation 10 of the Parent Governor Representatives (England) Regulations 2001 a parent governor representative is entitled to vote on matters relating to any education functions which are the responsibility of Medway Council's executive and under consideration by the Committee.

4.4	There are no financial or risk management implications arising from this report.

**5.	Recommendation**

5.1	The Council is asked to agree the appointment of Mr Akinola Edun and Mr David William Lane as Parent Governor Representatives on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee for a four year term.

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Appendices

None

Background papers

None