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APPOINTMENT TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Summary

This report asks the Council to appoint a new representative of the Medway Governors' Association to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a non-voting added member.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 The appointment of non-voting co-optees to serve on Committees is a matter for decision by the Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Local Government Act 2000 transferred the statutory requirement to have voting parent governor and church school representatives on bodies considering education functions to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee and also gave local authorities the power to appoint non-voting co-opted members onto overview and scrutiny committees.
- 2.2 The Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee encourages an inclusive role for partners and service users in its scrutiny of services and the Committee has a number of statutory and non statutory co-optees and added members, as listed below: -

Co-optees with voting rights on educational issues

- 2 Parent Governor representatives
- 1 Church of England school representative
- 1 Roman Catholic school representative

Added members without voting rights

- 1 Headteacher representative
- 1 Teacher representative
- 1 Medway Governors' Association representative
- 2 Medway Youth Parliament representatives
- 1 Medway LINK representative

3. Proposed appointment

- 3.1 The current Governor's Association representative appointed by the Council to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee is Pat Wozencroft. The Association usually nominates its Chairman to this position.
- 3.2 The Medway Governors' Association (MGA) have informed the Council that Bryan Frost has recently taken over from Mrs Wozencroft as Chairman of the MGA and, as such, he has been nominated to replace her as the Association's representative on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The MGA has also requested that Peter Martin be appointed as the named substitute governor representative on the committee.

4. Financial, risk management and legal implications

- 4.1 The legal implications are set out in the report. There are no financial or risk management implications arising from the report.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 That Bryan Frost be appointed as the Medway Governor's Association representative on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee in a non-voting capacity.
- 5.2 That Peter Martin be appointed as the named substitute for the representative of the MGA on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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Background papers

Report to Council and Joint meeting of all Committees on 19 May 2010 – Establishment of Committees, Appointments and Schedule of Meetings 2010/2011 (item 7)

Local Government Act 2000, Schedule 1, Paragraph 7 - Overview and scrutiny committees: education functions