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APPOINTMENTS 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 Local Involvement Network (LINK) and a named Medway Youth Parliament substitute to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee as non-voting co-optees.

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 LINK representative appointed by the Council to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee is Clare Murray. The LINK have informed Democratic Services that they wish to nominate a new representative to the committee, Shirley Griffiths, following Clare Murray's resignation from the LINK
- 3.2 In addition, to enable the Medway Youth Parliament to be more flexible and be represented at each meeting of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee they have requested to have a named substitute for the committee. The person they have nominated for this role is Doyin Yahyi.

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. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Council is requested to appoint Shirley Griffiths as the LINK representative to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 5.2 The Council is requested to appoint Doyin Yahvi as the named substitute for the Medway Youth Parliament representatives on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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Background papers

- Local Government Act 2000, Schedule 1, Paragraph 7 - Overview and scrutiny committees: education functions
- Parent Governor Representatives (England) Regulations 2001
- Report to Council and Joint meeting of all Committees on 25 May 2011 – Establishment of Committees, Appointments and Schedule of Meetings 2011/2012 (item 7)