

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING DATE:	18 th July 2011	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	CO-OPTED MEMBERSHIP OF THE EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN AND YOUTH POLICY DEVELOPMENT & SCRUTINY PANEL RELATING TO SCHOOLS MATTERS	
WARD:	ALL	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: None		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report invites the Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel to note the arrangements for co-opted membership of the Panel when dealing with schools matters.
- 1.2 The Panel's co-option of permanent members in addition to the statutory co-optees is based on the desire to continue at Member level a fruitful working arrangement involving staff and governor representatives which has served the Authority well under the former Education Committee and the predecessor to this current Panel (CYP).

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Panel is recommended to:
 - a) Agree that the current arrangements for non-voting co-opted Education members of the Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel should be continued.
 - b) Note the current statutory membership.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 If teachers or staff representatives are required to attend Panel meetings during their normal hours of work there may be financial implications arising from the need to provide cover. The payment of travel or other expenses to co-opted members would also need to be taken into account.

4 THE REPORT

4.1 The current co-opted membership of the panel is as follows:

Statutory

- 2 statutory voting members, 1 from the Church of England Diocese and 1 from the Roman Catholic Diocese respectively
- 2 statutory voting parent governor members (elected by the Governors' Executive) with a two-year term of office

Non-statutory

- 1 non-voting member who is a Primary School Representative
- 1 non-voting member who is a Secondary School Representative
- 3 non-voting members who are governors representing secondary, primary and special schools respectively
- 3 non-voting members nominated to represent the professional teaching associations
- 2 non-voting members who represent DAFBY (Democratic Action for B&NES Youth)

4.2 Voting rights for the statutory co-optees apply only to those items concerned with education issues.

4.3 Co-opted members are not expected to attend for those agenda items that are not concerned with education issues.

4.4 Schools are consulted about the allocation of funding through the Schools Forum. Each phase of education is represented by headteachers and governors, with diocesan and trades union representatives. The representation of the Schools Forum on the Panel will be through the co-opted members.

4.5 It should be noted that continuing membership of the Panel is not the only avenue for consultation on school matters. Officers carry out such consultation with those affected as part of the preparatory process before matters are brought forward to Members. The Panel may also choose to consult interest groups, local partnerships and further educational establishments on matters of particular interest by inviting them to contribute to a specific meeting. This is often more welcomed by representatives of these organisations because of their other commitments than the time required to serve as a regular co-optee of the Panel.

5 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

5.1 Young People; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation);

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Background papers	
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