

Report to:	CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager
Date of Meeting:	7 October 2021

APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBER

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the appointment of Ms Jo Snape as diocesan co-opted member to the Committee for the Municipal Year 2021/2022 to replace Ms Helen Sage.

2.0 Recommendations:

2.1 To approve the appointment of Ms Jo Snape as diocesan co-opted member to the Committee.

2.2 To note the remaining two Parent Governor and one Roman Catholic diocesan co-opted member vacancies.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure the scrutiny process continues to be fully accountable and an important part of the democratic process.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

5.0 Council Priority:

5.1 The relevant Council Priority is:

- Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.

6.0 Background Information

6.1 The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 requires the Council to have Parent Governor Representatives on the relevant Overview and Scrutiny body dealing wholly or partly with education functions. The representatives are entitled to participate in discussions on any issue but are only able to vote on any question which relates to the education functions of the Council.

6.2 The School Standards and Framework Act 1998, and the Education Act 1996 require the Council to have Church representatives on the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee which considers education matters. Like the Parent Governor representatives, they are entitled to participate in discussions on any issue, but only able to vote on any question which relates to the education functions of the Council.

6.3 The Council's Constitution allows for membership of the following representatives in order to comply with the statutory requirements:

- One Church of England diocese representative
- One Roman Catholic diocese representative
- Two Parent Governor representatives; and
- Such other representatives of other faiths or denominations as may be agreed

6.4 At the meeting of full Council on 22 May 2019 it was agreed that the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee should appoint two diocesan co-opted representatives and two governor co-opted representatives.

6.5 As agreed by the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee, Ms Helen Sage was re-appointed to the Committee as diocesan co-opted member on 24 June 2021. She has since taken the decision to step down from the position and it is proposed that she be replaced by Ms Jo Snape.

6.6 The Scrutiny Manager is continuing to seek appointments to the remaining statutory positions.

6.6 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 None.

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 The posts are not salaried but the positions attract a payment of £500 each per year.

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and the Education Act 1996 require the Council to have Church representatives on the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee which considers education matters.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.