

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

18 SEPTEMBER 2013

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE – LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES

APPOINTMENT OF A CO-OPTED MEMBER TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek Council's approval of the appointment of Mr Kevin Pascoe as a non-voting co-optee to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority

- 2.1 None.

3. Background

- 3.1 In line with the Parent Governor Representatives and Church Representatives (Wales) Regulations 2001, Part 4 of the Constitution states under the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules that an Overview and Scrutiny Committee, whose functions relate wholly or in part to education functions which are the responsibility of Cabinet, shall include in its membership one Church in Wales Representative, one Roman Catholic Church Representative, and three Parent Governor Representatives (one from a Primary School, one from a Secondary School, and one from a Special School).
- 3.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules also state at Rule 3 that each Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to recommend to the Council the appointment of a number of people as non-voting co-optees.
- 3.3 In addition to this, under section 76 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, it encourages public engagement and co-option to Overview and Scrutiny Committees stating that: *'The evidence from overview and scrutiny committees in Wales is that the contribution of co-opted members on committees can significantly strengthen their effectiveness.'*

4. Current Situation / Proposal

- 4.1 At its meeting on 20 May 2013, Members of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested that consideration be given to whether Mr Kevin Pascoe could remain on the Committee given that his term as the Primary School Parent Governor Representative had come to an end.

- 4.2 Mr Kevin Pascoe has been a Registered Representative on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee since May 2005 and has been a very active member of the Committee with involvement in Research and Evaluation Panels alongside the Committee meetings.
- 4.3 Since 2009, he has been a Member of the Research and Evaluation Panel (REP), into School Performance in Secondary Schools contributing heavily to the investigation and its findings which have recently been reported to Cabinet in July 2013.
- 4.4 Given the length of time that Mr Pascoe has sat on the Committee and his contribution to the Committee's work, his knowledge and recent involvement in a REP, the work from which will continue to be revisited, the Committee agreed at its meeting in August 2013 to recommend to Council the appointment Mr Kevin Pascoe as a Co-opted Member on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 4.5 It is proposed that this appointment be until May 2014, at which point the appointment can be re-assessed.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

- 5.1 None

6. Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.1 There are no Equalities Impacts relating to this report.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 None

8. Recommendation

- 8.1 Council is asked to note the report and approve the appointment of Mr Kevin Pascoe as a non-voting co-optee to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, until May 2014.

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Background documents

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Reports and Minutes:
20 May 2013
5 August 2013