

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

16 JULY 2014

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 and due to the length of time that Mr Pascoe has sat on the Committee as a registered representative, his knowledge of and contribution to the work of the Committee.

- 4.2 Mr Pascoe has consistently sat on the CYP Committee from 2005, as a registered representative and, since 2013, as a co-opted member. He has been an active member of the Committee during that time and has taken part in a number of Research and Evaluation Panel investigations. He therefore has considerable knowledge, particularly in relation to Education and School performance matters, which the Committee would like to continue to have access to.

At its meeting in August 2013, the Committee agreed to recommend to Council the appointment of Mr Kevin Pascoe as a non-voting co-opted member of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee until May 2014. This was agreed by Council at its meeting on 18 September 2013.

- 4.2 As the time period initially agreed has now come to an end, the Committee agreed at its meeting on 10 June 2014 to recommend to Council that the period of Mr Pascoe's co-option be extended until the next local election.

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 the next local election.

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Background documents

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Reports and Minutes:

20 May 2013

5 August 2013

10 July 2014