

**To: Council**

**On: 18 May 2017**

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**Report by: Director of Finance and Resources**

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**Heading: Placing Requests and Exclusions Appeals Panel**

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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 In terms of section 28D(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 there is a requirement on the Council to establish such number of appeals committees as are necessary to hear appeals relating to placing requests and exclusions. An appeal committee shall comprise 3, 5 or 7 members and sufficient persons may be appointed to allow two or more committees to meet at the same time. A member of the Education Committee cannot chair the Appeals Panel. The practice has been that the Panel comprises 3 members including one lay member.
  - 1.2 A person who is (a) a teacher at a relevant school; (b) a pupil at such a school; (c) a parent of a pupil at such a school; or (d) a member of a school council having functions in relation to such a school shall not be a member of an appeal committee for consideration of a reference involving a question whether a child is to be placed in the specified school or excluded from the relevant school.
  - 1.3 The lay members who take part in the Panel are drawn from a pool of volunteers. Those former members of the Panel who have agreed to continue to participate are detailed in the appendix to this report. It is proposed that the Council appoint these members until the next Statutory meeting of the Council to be held following the local government elections in May 2022.
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## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Council appoint those persons as detailed in the appendix to the report to the Placing Requests and Exclusions Appeals Panel until the next Statutory meeting of the Council to be held following the local government elections in May 2022.
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## **Implications of this report**

- 1. Financial Implications – none**
- 2. HR and Organisational Development Implications – none**
- 3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications – none**
- 4. Legal Implications – as detailed in the report.**
- 5. Property/Assets Implications – none**
- 6. Information Technology Implications – none**
- 7. Equality and Human Rights Implications**
  - (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because for example it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
- 8. Health and Safety Implications – none**
- 9. Procurement Implications – none**
- 10. Risk Implications – none**
- 11. Privacy Impact – none**

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## **List of Background Papers –**

- (a) none
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## Education Appeal Lay Member Expressions of Interest

<b>Name</b>	<b>Parent Council School/Child's School</b>
John Aitken	formerly Renfrew High
Michael Connick	St Peter's Primary
Heather Henderson	Fordbank Primary
Tracy Lundie	Kirklandneuk Primary
Leanne Martin	St Mary's Primary
Elaine McNamara	Renfrew High
Sarah Jane Russell	St Benedict's Primary
Sarah Louise Smith	Barsail Primary
Brian Sweenie	Gleniffer High
Evelyn Vanni	Thorn Primary