

To: Council

On: 19 May 2022

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Placing Requests and Exclusions Appeals Panel

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, together with a number of new members. It is proposed that, subject to the necessary checking arrangements, the Council appoint these members until the next Statutory meeting of the Council to be held following the local government elections in May 2027.
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2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That, subject to the necessary checking arrangements, 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 2027.
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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**
- 12. CoSLA Policy Position – n/a**
- 13. Climate Risk – n/a**

List of Background Papers –

- (a) none
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Elaine Knox	Formerly Renfrew High
Michael Connick	St Andrews Academy
Heather Henderson	Kirklandneuk Primary School
Tracy Lundie	Kirklandneuk Primary School
Sarah Smith	Barsail Primary
Fiona Piper*	Barsail Primary School
Margaret Rose McLeod*	Wallace Primary School
Paul Doherty*	St Peter's Primary School
Jennifer Glen*	Todholm Primary School
Caroline Johnstone*	West Primary School
Amanda Crawford*	West Primary School

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