

**APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE PROMOTION OF
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report provides information about the appointment of 3 persons interested in the promotion of religious education to any Committee of the Council to which the functions of the Council as education authority are delegated. The Council is required to have as members of such a Committee one person appointed by the Church of Scotland, one person appointed by the Roman Catholic Church, and a third person in the selection of whom a Council should have regard to the comparative strength of the churches and denominational bodies within their area.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council is invited:-

- 2.1 To confirm the appointment of Reverend Sandy MacPherson as a member of the relevant Committee (as nominated by Church of Scotland's Faith Impact Forum).
- 2.2 To confirm the appointment of Margaret Anderson as a member of the relevant Committee (as nominated by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Argyll and the Isles)
- 2.3 To continue to seek a nomination to be a member of the relevant Committee from the Scottish Episcopal Church Diocese of Argyll & the Isles.
- 2.4 To note that the appointment of the 3 persons is conditional on the terms and requirements of the Councillors Code applying to those appointments.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 Section 31 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 requires a local authority to appoint to any Committee of the Council to which the functions of the Council as education authority are delegated 3 persons as described in the section as follows:-

- (a) One representative of the Church of Scotland.
- (b) One representative of the Roman Catholic Church.

- (c) One person in the selection of whom the Authority shall have regard (taking account of the representation of Churches under paragraphs (a) and (b) above) to the comparative strength within their area of all the churches and denominational bodies having duly constituted charges or other regularly appointed places of worship there.

3.2 During the life of the last Council, the 3 representatives came from the Church of Scotland, the Roman Catholic Church and the Scottish Episcopal Church. It is not considered in relation to (c) above that the comparative strength of the denominational bodies within the Council area has changed.

3.3 On the assumption that the Council will establish a Committee to which education functions will be delegated (although this is dependent on decisions the Council may take in relation to Political Management Arrangements) nominations have been sought from these three denominational groups. The Scottish Episcopal Church has yet to make a nomination, The Church of Scotland has nominated Reverend Sandy MacPherson and the Roman Catholic Church has nominated Margaret Anderson.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 The Council is invited to note the requirements of Section 31 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 with regards to the functions of the Council as education authority and to confirm the appointments as specified within the report.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy – representatives have a role in relation to oversight of education policy.
- 5.2 Financial – posts are not remunerated
- 5.3 Legal – meets requirements of Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994.
- 5.4 HR – none.
- 5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:
 - 5.5.1 Equalities – supports council in addressing equality duties.
 - 5.5.2 Socio Economic Duty – None known.
 - 5.5.3 Islands - none
- 5.6 Climate Change - none
- 5.7 Risk – none.
- 5.8 Customer Service – none.

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