

North Lanarkshire Council

Report

Education and Families Committee

approval noting

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Membership of the Education and Families Committee – Religious Representatives

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Executive Summary

The report advises Members of the Committee of the resignation of the Reverend P J O'Maoil Mheana, Rector of the Scottish Episcopal Church, as the Third Religious Representative on the Committee, and the arrangements to fill the vacancy following the resignation.

Recommendations

1. That the resignation of P J O'Maoil Mheana as the Third Religious Representative on the Education and Families Committee, be noted;
2. That the arrangements to fill the vacancy, following the resignation, be noted, and
3. That it be noted that a further report on the response to the public notice for nominations for one person interested in the promotion of religious education be submitted to a future Committee.

The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority Council Business Plan to 2020:

Ambition statement Its reference 21.7 – Good Governance Standards and ensure the Council continues to operate in a consistent manner that meets those standards.

1. Background

- 1.1 Where the Council constitutes a Committee to deal with education issues, there is a statutory requirement to appoint, as Members of the Committee (a) one representative of the Church of Scotland, nominated in such a manner as may be determined by the general assembly of the church; (b) one representative of the Roman Catholic Church, nominated in such a manner as may be determined by the Scottish Hierarchy of the

Church, and (c) one person in the selection of whom the Council shall have regard, taking account of the representation of the Church of Scotland and Roman Catholic Church, to the comparative strengths in the Council's area of the Churches and the nomination bodies have duly constituted charges or other regularly appointed places of worship there. The statutory provision accordingly applies to the Education and Families Committee.

2. Report – Religious Representation on the Committee

- 2.1 Since the last meeting of the Committee, a letter has been received from Reverend P J O'Maoil Mheana intimating his resignation thereby creating a consequential vacancy for a Third Religious Representative for the Education and Families Committee.
- 2.2 As regards to the Third Religious Representative to be appointed to the Education and Families Committee, it has been the practice of the Council to place a public notice in the local press inviting (1) religious establishments to lodge nominations for persons to be considered, and (2) persons who wish to be considered for selection to lodge their request with the Head of Business for Legal and Democratic Solutions.
- 2.3 In order to fill the potential vacancy for a Third Religious Representative as quickly as possible, a public notice will be placed within the local press seeking nominations for appointment to the Education and Families Committee of one person interested in the promotion of religious education. In addition (a) a number of denominations within North Lanarkshire, of all faiths represented in the Council area, will be directly contacted to ensure that they are aware of the public notice and to inform them that they are eligible to make a nomination, and (b) an article in the public notice will be included on the Council's website. A report on the responses received will then be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

3. Equality and Diversity

- 3.1 There is no requirement for a Fairer Scotland Assessment.
- 3.2 Equality Impact Assessment is not applicable.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Impact

There are no financial implications.

4.2 HR/Policy/Legislative Impact

Compliance with the relevant legislation and the Council's statutory duties.

4.3 Environmental Impact

There is no environmental impact.

4.4 Risk Impact

There are no identified risks.

5. Measures of success

5.1 Good governance standards.

6. Supporting documents

6.1 There are no supporting documents.

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Head of Legal and Democratic Solutions