

4. APPOINTMENT OF RELIGIOUS, TEACHER AND PARENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

A report had been circulated by the Head of Corporate Services providing details of the arrangements required for the appointment of religious, teacher and parent council representatives to any committee set up to deal with education following the May 2017 council election.

The report recalled that the council has a statutory duty to appoint three religious representatives to any committee dealing with its education functions. The council also has the statutory power to appoint other non-elected members to the committee, as it sees fit. The existing council policy was to appoint two teachers (one from the primary/early years' sector and one from the secondary/special education sector) and one representative of parents who was nominated by the West Lothian Parent Council's Forum.

Members appointed to any committee set up to deal with education would be invited to accept the terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and abide by its requirements.

The arrangements outlined in the report would enable the religious, teacher and parent council representatives to join the first meeting of any committee set up to deal with education after the council election on 4 May 2017.

The Education Executive was asked to note the report on the arrangements for the appointment of three religious representatives, two teacher representatives and one parent council representative to any committee set up to deal with education following the May 2017 council election and note that members appointed would be invited to accept the terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and abide by its requirements.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.