
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

31 August 2021

Cabinet

Title:	Religious Representation on Cabinet (Education)
Purpose:	To seek the appointment of Elizabeth Turbet to replace Babs Mowatt as the representative of the Catholic Church on Cabinet when it meets to consider Education business.
Recommendation:	That the Cabinet agrees (a) to note the resignation of Babs Mowatt from Cabinet and (b) to appoint Elizabeth Turbet as the representative of the Catholic Church on Cabinet when it meets to consider Education business.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report notes the resignation of Babs Mowatt as a religious representative on Cabinet. It seeks to appoint Elizabeth Turbet as the representative of the Catholic Church on Cabinet when it considers Education business.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council's Scheme of Administration reflects the provision within Section 124 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended by Section 31 of the Local Government Etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, in respect of the appointment of three persons interested in the promotion of religious education to serve on the Council's Cabinet when it meets to consider Education business.
- 2.2 At the Council meeting on 19 September 2018, Babs Mowatt was appointed as the Catholic Church representative on Cabinet. The Church has now advised that Ms Mowatt is stepping down from this role and has nominated Ms Elizabeth Turbet as her replacement.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet (a) notes the resignation of Ms Babs Mowatt from Cabinet and (b) agrees to appoint Ms Elizabeth Turbet as the Catholic Church representative on Cabinet when it considers Education business.

4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty

Financial

4.1 None arising from this report.

Human Resources

4.2 None arising from this report.

Legal

4.3 Section 124 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended by Section 31 of the Local Government Etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, provides for the appointment of three religious representatives to serve on the Cabinet.

Equality/Socio-economic

4.4 The appointment of religious representatives in the Education functions of Cabinet allows for religious involvement in decisions relating to the education of children and young people.

Environmental and Sustainability

4.5 None arising from this report.

Key Priorities

4.6 Not applicable.

Community Wealth Building

4.7 Not applicable.

5. Consultation

5.1 No additional consultation required.

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Background Papers

Email correspondence with the Catholic Church