
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

29 October 2019

Cabinet

Title:	Religious Representation on Cabinet (Education)
Purpose:	To seek the appointment of Andrew Bruce to replace Elizabeth Higton as the representative of the Church of Scotland on Cabinet.
Recommendation:	That the Cabinet agrees to note the resignation of Elizabeth Higton from Cabinet and agrees to appoint Andrew Bruce as the representative of the Church of Scotland on Cabinet when it meets to consider Education business.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report notes the resignation of Elizabeth Higton as a religious representative on Cabinet. It seeks to appoint Andrew Bruce as the representative of the Church of Scotland 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 17 May 2017, Elizabeth Higton was appointed as the Church of Scotland's representative on Cabinet. The Church has now advised that Ms Higton is stepping down from this role and has unanimously nominated Mr Andrew Bruce as her replacement.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet notes the resignation of Ms Elizabeth Higton from Cabinet and agrees to appoint Andrew Bruce as the Church of Scotland 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 Church of Scotland