# Report



EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING STANDING SELECT meeting

COMMITTEE

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### REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBERS' SERVICES

### ADDED MEMBERS ON THE SELECT COMMITTEE

#### 1. **Purpose of the Report**

1.1 To report on the appointment of two voting added members to the Select Committee and to consider a request from the teacher trade unions in relation to non-voting members.

#### 2. **Voting Added Members**

2.1 Mrs Paula Burbidge and Mrs Lorraine Wooding have been appointed as the two Parent Governor representatives on the Select Committee. These are statutory positions, and carry voting rights.

#### 3. **Non-voting Added Members**

- 3.1 There are currently a number of vacancies among the non-voting added members of the Committee. Joe Jefferies, in his capacity as Chair of the Joint Union Committee, has written to Councillor Stella Smedley to indicate that efforts are being made to fill the vacancies.
- 3.2 In his letter, Mr Jefferies asks whether it would be possible for substitutes to attend on occasions when the added member is unable to attend, either as a replacement for the named added member, or to be in attendance.
- 3.3 The rules relating to the appointment of members to County Council committees do not permit the nomination of substitutes to replace members for a temporary period.
- 3.4 However, it would be acceptable, in the absence of the named added member, for another representative of the same teacher trade union to attend the meeting as an observer, and for that person, with the consent of the Chair, to speak. If this would help the trade unions find representatives to serve as added members on the select committee, then this latter approach is recommended.

#### 4. Recommendations

- 4.1 That the appointment of Mrs Paula Burbidge and Mrs Lorraine Wooding as voting added members be noted.
- 4.2 That the teacher trade unions be invited to nominate representatives to attend meetings as observers able to speak with the consent of the Chair on occasions when the named non-voting added member is unable to attend.

## **Background Papers**

- 6.8.04 Letters from Jane Mansell, Principal Officer, Governor Services to Mrs P Burbidge and Mrs L Wooding
- 5.7.04 Letter from Joe Jefferies to Councillor Stella Smedley

P A MAYFIELD (Ms) Head of Members' Services

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