

From: [FOI](#)
To:
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Dear

Thank you for your request for information about co-optee membership to the Education Scrutiny Committee.

I am sorry that this response is being provided outside of the timescale for provision of information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. I apologise for this and hope that the information is still relevant to you and that the delay has not caused you any difficulties.

We are now able to provide the following information in response to your specific questions:

1) Does your LA Education Scrutiny Committee include any co-opted (non-councillor) members? If so, how many?

Nottinghamshire County Council operates a committee system (rather than a cabinet and scrutiny model) and therefore does not have an Education Scrutiny Committee. It does have a Children and Young People's Committee which serves to make decisions in relation to education matters. The Children and Young People's Committee includes 4 seats for non-voting co-optees. These seats are currently vacant and the council hopes to be able to appoint to these vacancies in the current municipal year.

2) Are Co-opted members co-opted to represent a specific group or organisation?

There are two parent governor places and one place each for the Church of England Diocese and Roman Catholic Diocese.

3) Do such co-opted members have specific titles associated with their position?

They are defined as statutory co-optees.

4) Is there a formal process for members being co-opted? What is this process?

The process is currently being reviewed.

5) Does your Terms of Reference (or similar governance document) for the Education Scrutiny Committee define exactly the process in written form? (and if so, please provide the said document).

No

6) Is there any difference in this process for statutory co-optee members v's non-statutory (discretionary) members?

See previous answer. The process is currently being reviewed.

7) Do such co-opted members have voting rights on the committee i.e. the same full privileges as do councillor members on the committee?

No – the co-optees are able to debate agenda items relating to education (the committee does have a broader remit, including social care), but they do not have voting rights.

8) Do you have a specific space on the committee which is filled by parent governors?

There are two parent governor places. See previous answer.

9) Is it a requirement locally for such parent governor representatives to be parent governors at local maintained schools, or are Academy school parent governor representatives allowed?

This issue will be addressed as part of the review of the process.

10) How many Academy school parent governors do you currently have on your Education Scrutiny Committee in this municipal year?

There are no parent governors currently on the Children and Young People's Committee. (See previous answers).

11) How many Academy school parent governors did you have on your Education Scrutiny Committee in the previous municipal year?

There were no parent governors on the Children and Young People's Committee in the previous municipal year.

I hope that you find this information to be helpful, however if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, then please email us at foi@nottsc.gov.uk quoting the reference NCC-046977-20 and we will be happy to review your request

With kind regards

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