

12 EDUCATION APPEAL COMMITTEE (EXCLUSIONS FROM SCHOOL AND PLACING REQUESTS FOR SCHOOLS) (AN141-2007)

The Education Appeal Committee which deals with Appeals relative to exclusion from school and refusal of placing requests for schools, requires to be set up under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980. The Committee previously comprised the Convener of Education, or his nominee, together with an Independent Chairperson and one School Board Parent representative.

At present there are three Chairpersons for the Appeal Committee appointed by the Education Committee, Mrs Mary Reid, Mrs Mary Hanlon and Mr Gavin Smith who Chair the Committee by rotation. All have intimated that they are prepared to carry on in this role for a further period.

In order to allow continuity for appeal hearings, especially during the period May/June when Primary 1 and Secondary 1 placing appeals are heard, it is recommended that Mrs Reid, Mrs Hanlon and Mr Smith be re-appointed along with the Convener of Education or nominee and that the Appeal Committee comprises the Convener of Education or his nominee together with an independent Chairperson and one School Board Parent representative. (Parent Council representative from August 2007).